Faculty Senate Meeting | 6 May 2025

**Approval of Minutes** 

1/10/25

# Virginia moves; Nathan seconds. Approved

#### COMMUNICATION

- i. Meetings with Sandy
  - a. Policy 100.5 committees and councils have been accepted; bylaws may need updates. **Might be some shuffling next year.**
  - b. Lots of compliancy talk with new bathroom mandate. **Month of meetings about** bathrooms. Taken care of. \$700 for new locks. Keeping existing plumbing.
  - c. Next year Canvas <a href="https://has.no.nd/">has</a> to be used—syllabus, gradebook, assignments. For everyone. <a href="Yeronica: What about gradebooks that don't sync with Canvas?">Yeronica: What about gradebooks that don't sync with Canvas?</a> <a href="Meed support here">Need support here</a>. Rick: Background—about tracking, especially with adjuncts to be sure there's oversight. Students are able to check in and see where they stand in the class, up-to-date. John H: Admin wants Canvas to be the official gradebook; John uses it as "raw" score, the lowest score; other things factor in. Todd: Assessment is going to be connected to assignments / grades in Canvas, which also makes this necessary.
  - d. Union and Sandy talked about faculty on committees. 4.8 CBA **Directors will** know who's on a committee and who isn't; admin will start enforcing committee participation.
- ii. CCC (Campus Coordinating Committee) meetings have been revised. Seth R. has been attending on behalf of Faculty Senate.
  - Jason G. talked about campus safety and took our suggestions <u>not</u> to bring Noel Petty back for workplace shooting training
- iii. BOR meets May 21 in GF
  - a. Talks focused on faculty being more a part of the advising role. Faculty meeting with students = greater retention rates. This is the definition of irony. Seth: Hours of conversation. 4 years want faculty more involved. Karen: For the record, faculty did a much better job advising. We know our courses better. Also, we were never in favor of the change even though it meant less work for us. Rick: This came out of Pathways, but Pathways aren't really serving us

either. Seth: Will have a meeting about Pathways in August. Nathan: Faculty have a better sense of what classes work together. Rick: When will DegreeWorks be live? Seth: Banner has to move to the cloud first; DegreeWorks follows. Maybe live end of next school year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

APRC: Nothing at this time

ASCR: See AY24-25 Summary. 1) Over next year, all courses with Gen-Ed designations need to be assessed with documentation. 2) Drop procedure: Will extend drop up until the last week of the semester with faculty or advisor approval. 3) Phil is stepping in as chair. There will be openings.

Rick: Remembers moving the drop date to avoid retaliation on student evals. Is that being taken into consideration?

John: The evaluation device needs to be updated. They're not collecting helpful information at this point. Not providing effective data.

Kudos to Kylie Carr. She was incredibly helpful.

Laura: eLumin will be rolled out slowly next year for assessment.

<u>PAC:</u> Seth: PAC shifting next year, back to faculty-led for faculty in their second year and beyond. Topics to be determined. First-year training will be led by Amy Kong and be required for all first-year hires. Next August, Seth will be asking for volunteers to talk about different teaching / learning topics.

Rick: Faculty Hub in Canvas shell is where training ideas will go. Portfolio examples will be there online, all the time.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- i. First year teacher training. Seth: goals are about retention and support. We will likely be tapped to share knowledge and experience.
- ii. BBQ today at 4:00

## **NEW BUSINESS**

i. ID Days in August

- a. Window for pathways conversation. What else? Seth: Send ideas to Seth about what we want to see in these days. Nathan: Willing to lead a workshop on Institutional Review Board on research on human subjects (people seem interested). Workshop on intellectual property?
- ii. Gathering in the fall (community service).
  - a. What do we want to do? Karen: This should be during ID Days. A couple volunteer options (3-5 options): Humane Society, Food Share, Habitat for Humanity. John: Service Day—get t-shirts, publicity, great way to be out in the community. Rick: This is a faculty event, opportunity to bond as faculty.
    - i. Need to verify our 4-hour window during ID Days
    - ii. Joyce will reach out to Humane Society
    - iii. Bryon will do Habitat for Humanity
    - iv. Nathan will do NAMI for suggestions
    - v. Virginia will do Food Share
  - b. Do we still want to do a gathering in January? Sure gathering during ID Days.
    Seth and Rhonda will lead.
  - c. BBQ again next May? Yes.
- iii. Bigger push for committee involvement (as noted earlier)
- iv. Faculty help with PAC (as noted earlier)

#### GOOD AND WELFARE / QUESTION AND ANSWER

- i. Nathan isn't continuing MunnDay Music. Will pivot to Faculty Corner. Rick will take all of November. Virginia nominates Phil to do a column on Pessimism & Negative Thoughts.
- ii. Thanks to Deb, John, and Bill. You'll be greatly missed.
- iii. Congrats to Rachel Schanz on accepting the accounting position.

Virginia moves to adjourn. Veronica seconds.