Meeting Agenda, Tuesday October 4, 2011, 4:00 PM
Student Commons Forum Room, Monroe Park Campus
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The meeting was called to order at 4:02

Minutes of September 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

President’s Announcements for Information

Inauguration Open House for Faculty and Staff is on Wednesday October 12, 3:00 PM, Scott House. The Presidential Inauguration is on Friday October 14, 10:00 AM. President Fauri attended a Staff Senate meeting and will attend a tour of the Feed More/food bank October 7. Faculty Senate and Staff Senate Presidents will meet with Student Government Association Presidents. (Invitations to Student Government Association Presidents to attend Faculty Senate meeting Second Semester.)

Linda Corey and Dan Ream are to serve on an advisory group to Provost Warren, on an initiative to make VCU a great place to work.

A Promotion & Tenure review group is being appointed by Provost Warren. The Faculty Senate has requested one representative of the Senate from each campus.

Faculty Senate Leadership Group has discussed the possible use of the Scholarly Productivity Index and referred this to the Senate’s Academic and Professional Status Committee (Chaired by Blue Wooldridge). It has discussed the policy on Approval of Centers and referred it to the Senate’s Academic Programs and Research Committee (chaired by Lisa Brown and a TBA, co-chair)

A revision of the “VCU Policy on Creating and Maintaining Policy and Procedures” is expected to be ready for presentation for the November 1 Faculty Senate meeting (forthcoming, Office of the Vice President for Research Administration and Compliance).

Linda Corey and June Nicholson will represent the VCU Faculty Senate at the CAA Academic Consortium meeting in Newark, DE on November 16.

Pat Cummins will represent the Faculty Senate at the AAUP meeting in Washington, D.C. in November

Action Items

1. Scott Street presented information about the Food Bank and the resolution. The motion to accept the resolution was passed unanimously.
Resolution regarding VCU Inauguration food drive campaign

Whereas, the Faculty Senate supports VCU's strong commitment and service to the community; and
Whereas, the VCU faculty celebrates the inauguration of President Michael Rao; and
Whereas VCU's Pound Out Hunger Community Service Project aims to donate 100,000 pounds of food for the Richmond community in honor of President Rao's Inauguration;

Therefore, the VCU Faculty Senate urges VCU faculty, staff and students to support the Pound Out Hunger Campaign by: donating peanut butter or canned tuna or by making financial donations to the food drive (where $1 equals 5 pounds of food); wasting less food during Market 810's "Waste Not, Want Not" week; urging members of the VCU community to learn more about hunger by exploring the Hunger in America research guide at http://guides.library.vcu.edu/hunger; and by participating in the many food drive activities described at http://www.poundouthunger.vcu.edu/.

2. Resolution regarding Faculty Senate Greetings to the President at the time of his Inauguration was presented by Linda Corey, moved and seconded by Linda Corey and Holly Alford respectively, and passed unanimously.

"By resolution the Faculty Senate of Virginia Commonwealth University offers a hearty welcome to you President Rao. It expresses its appreciation of your recognition of the centrality of the faculty and your interaction with the Faculty Senate and its Leadership. We wish you every success as leader of the University, for your success is VCU's success."

3. June Nicholson distributed the final Committee and Committee Leadership lists. President Fauri presented background information on committee workings. Holly Alford spoke about the Committee on Equity and Diversity. Kevin Allison, (psychology) was introduced to the Senate as the Associate Dean for Community Activities. He will be attending our meetings when possible.

Provost's Comments - Dr. Beverly Warren

We are moving forward with the implementation of the Quest for Distinction. The booklet is out now. It is a metric driven strategic plan. (VCU 2020 was a process driven plan) which forces us to measure and chart our progress against the metrics. Planning Performance and Accountability Agreements are on file with President Rao for each vice president.

University Level: Strategic Enrollment Management is very important. We want to attract students who are ready to succeed in a research intensive university. Access routes for students will include community colleges. GPA is a better predictor of success than a high SAT.

The provost needs our help -
-Advancing the work of faculty who are scholars but not "highly" funded.
-Scholarly productivity and creative work – How do we identify these faculty? How do we measure scholarly productivity?
-Human health – how can we engage in our commitment to human health? Schools – not individuals.
-Theme 4 community engagement: Faculty has to become more laser focused in the areas of education, health access and engaging our community.
-Student engagement.
-Capstone programs will be important: Every academic program will have them.

We need to work together to move Quest forward. A new position is being created and is currently titled "Associate Vice President for Faculty Recruitment and Retention. This position will have a diversity impact and an impact on attracting talented faculty. A consortium is being formed with William and Mary and VSU to support spousal employment for new faculty hires.

Discussion following the provost's remarks included scholarly productivity and the Presidential Research Initiative Program ($50,000 available). When asked how we can expand our research influence while continuing to guide our students’ success the provost said that the faculty must help – within our units to define how this will be done. Linda Corey brought up faculty concerns about the prohibitively expensive publication costs of certain journals: Without extramural funding faculty cannot afford the publication costs. Dr. Warren responded by saying that if a dean can not cover the costs perhaps a vice president (provost) can.
Committee Reports

Bob Andrews, Chair of Faculty Caucus of University Council spoke briefly about representative and shared governance.

New Business

The Master Site Planning Process, was presented by Brian Ohlinger, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management. The Master Site Plan is a campus facilities response to the *Quest for Excellence*. Here is the [VCU Master Site Plan web site](#) Mr. Ohlinger's Powerpoint presentation on the Master Site Plan can be viewed [here](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 P.M.
Adjournment until Tuesday November, 4:00 PM