Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 4:00 PM
Alumni House, MCV, 1016 E. Clay St.


Absent: Benitez, Cohen, Cummins, Dent, Dhillon, Dishman, Dodson, Goudreau, Groteweil, Hammersley, Hassell, Larner, Lindner, *McClure, *Miller, Mulloy, Smith, South,
*excused

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
Minutes of the March 6th were approved as read.
The agenda was reviewed and announcements were made.

VCU's Year of Freedom: Dr. John Kneebone of the History Department was introduced. He spoke to Senate about VCU's Year of Freedom and the Emancipation Day plans. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for Dr. Kneebone please contact him at jtkneebone@vcu.edu, 828-9706.

Next Year's Meetings: Based on the survey sent to Senators, and space permitting, meetings will return to the alternation between the Monroe Park and MCV campuses. The meeting time will remain at 4:00 p.m.

Information Items for Action at the May 1st Meeting

1. Student Affairs Faculty: After brief discussion about the Student Affairs Faculty representation on Senate, Shaun McCracken offered the following motion which was seconded by Scott Street: "I move that the members of the Division of Student Affairs holding faculty appointments be represented as full members of the VCU Faculty Senate as they engage in academic roles and functions and are not otherwise represented on the Faculty." The Student Affairs Committee's recommendations are contained in the document attached to the e-mailed agenda for this meeting.

2. Code of Student Conduct: Karen Belanger, Director of Judicial Affairs & Academic Integrity and Mr. Tim Coffey, Coordinator of Judicial Affairs, presented the "Proposal for Student Conduct". This document is the result of the efforts of a work group convened in March 2011 to review VCU's Rules and Procedures. We are asked to leave feedback on the web site. The draft document is attached to the e-mailed agenda for today's meeting.

Dan Ream voiced concern regarding consequences of student participation in non-violent political demonstrations under the proposed revisions. He would like to see language specific to such demonstrations included in the section on off-campus conduct. President Fauri will ask University Counsel David Ross to attend the May meeting.

3. Grievance Procedure Revisions: Valerie Robnolt reviewed the proposed changes to the Grievance Procedure. There was discussion about the elimination of the school level grievance committee. The document will come before Senate for endorsement on May 1st and before UC for a vote on May 5th. Senator Robnolt asked that we consider the strength of the faculty voice heard at the UC meeting if the
Faculty Affairs Committee was able to come into the meeting with the Faculty Senate endorsement in hand. James Farmer asked for a deadline for faculty feedback. Comments should be forwarded to Valerie or David by 4/20/12.

4. Elections: Linda Corey Presented the slate of officers for 2012-2013. The slate was accepted by acclamation. President: David Fauri; Vice President: June Nicholson; Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Miller; Recording Secretary: Vacant; MPC representative: Holly Alford; MCV campus representative: Mary Baechle. If you are interested in becoming Recording Secretary please contact David Fauri.

Action Items

1. University Council By-Laws Revisions: June Nicholson offered her thanks to Ann Nichols-Casebolt and Bob Andrews and presented a summary of major changes to the By-Laws. With the passing of the revisions, postdoctoral scholars would be included and the definition of "faculty" would be in line with the faculty by-laws. The motion to accept the revised document was moved ( ? ) and seconded (McCracken), and was carried with one abstention.

2. Corporate Sponsored Research & Misconduct in Research: One of the major changes is the addition of the position of Research Integrity Officer (RIO), who is the compliance officer in the Office of Research. The RIO can receive allegations of misconduct but can act as a facilitator only. Senate passed a motion to accept the report and forward it to UC.

3. Accommodations for Student Absences due to University Sanctioned Activities: Dan Ream presented an update, including comments from James Farmer. Discussion followed. Senate passed a motion to support the "Accommodations" with two abstentions and one nay.

Provost's Comments: Provost Warren thanked June Nicholson, Bob Andrews, David Fauri and Valerie Robnolt for taking our concerns and making changes. Shared governance works. There is no update on the budget because the General Assembly did not pass a budget. The search for the Vice President for Equity and Diversity remains open.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Donnell, Recording Secretary