Faculty Senate Leadership Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 4–6 PM
Larrick Center, Church Hill Room, MCV Campus
http://www.maps.vcu.edu/mcv/larrickcenter/

Attendance: Holly Alford, Kristine Artello, Susan Bodnar-Doren, Lisa Brown, Nancy Jallo, Michael McVoy, June Nicholson, Joan Pellegrini, Carmen Rodriguez, Mary Secret, Scott Street

Procedural Items:
4:00 Holly Alford
Called meeting to order and led introductions.

Minutes of January 19 Leadership Meeting:
4:02 Scott Street
Presented and emailed. Minutes will be approved via email response.

Discussions:
4:05 Kathy Bassard & Debra Noble Triplett
Kathy and Debra asked us what was on our minds/agendas. We replied with discussions on shared governance, faculty teaching evaluation, student course evaluations, and faculty compensation. We had a hearty discussion about our concerns, what consequences for inaction may be, and possible ideas for improvements.

Service Recognitions:
5:15 Holly Alford & Scott Street
A discussion ensued about ways to recognize faculty for exceptional service to the University. Several ideas were passed around. We also talked about ways to make Faculty Senate more visible to the faculty of the University.

Definition of Shared Governance:
5:35 Mary Secret
This committee has been revising the philosophy statement and presenting it to student government and Staff Senate, and will soon present to Council of Deans. It is hoped that this statement will be included in the revised Bylaws of the Faculty.
Resolution?:

5:45 Holly Alford
Holly reviewed her discussions with President Rao about his declaration of new community service/engagement requirements for undergraduate students. How can the Faculty Senate show support? Perhaps a resolution in support of the plan as long as proper recognition/compensation is included for involved faculty. It was suggested that this be a topic for roundtable discussion at the next Senate meeting.

President’s Report:

5:55 Holly Alford

University Capital Campaign
Representatives will attend the Faculty Senate meeting to announce and explain the faculty portion of the capital campaign.

BOV Meeting
Holly gave a brief report on last month’s Board of Visitors Meeting. Holly discussed that faculty/student inter-professional collaborations at VCU be shared with them to be reported at future BOV Meetings.

Elections
June Nicholson and the rest of the nominations committee (Mary Secret & Carmen Rodriguez) will present nominations for officer elections at the next Senate meeting.

Other Committee Reports:

6:10

Grievance Revision Committee Scott Street
Scott Street, Marilyn Miller, Valerie Robnolt, Kristy Artello, William King, and Marc Rubin will be meeting on March 16th as an ad hoc committee to review and possibly revise the current grievance policy.

Bylaws Revision Committee Joan Pellegrini
The Credentials and Rules committee met last week as a part of the process to revise the Bylaws of the Faculty and the Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate. It is anticipated that these changes will be presented by the end of the semester.

Please let Holly know of any new business that should be added to the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20