

**Faculty Assembly Meeting
Minutes for August 30, 2016
3:30-5:00 pm
Blow Hall Board Room**

Officers Present: Sophia Serghi (President), Cathy Forestell (Vice President), and Eric Chason (Secretary).

Other Members Present: Chris Abelt, Danielle Dallaire, Mark Forsyth, Courtney Harris, Mark Hofer, Steve Holliday, Rex Kincaid, Scott McCoy, Christy Porter, Patty Roberts, Megan Tschannen-Moran, Tricia Vahle, and Sibel Zandi-Sayek.

Members Absent: John Eisele, Fred Corney, Carl Friedrichs, and Ron Hess. (The law school has an unfilled vacancy and did not send a replacement member.)

Others in Attendance: Michael Halleran (Provost) and Terry Meyers (Parliamentarian)

1. Call to Order

Ms. Serghi called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. Correction and Approval of Minutes for May 12, 2016 Meeting

Ms. Serghi identified four typographical errors in the draft minutes. The minutes, as corrected, were adopted by unanimous consent.

3. Provost's Report

- Provost Halleran is working to finalize a faculty diversity initiative. Once finalized, he plans to share to share details with the Assembly for its comment.
- The Committee for Engineering and Design Opportunities has submitted its report, which has been posted to the William & Mary website.
- The state-budget situation has made salary increases difficult or impossible for the year.

4. Election of Chris Abelt as Secretary for Remainder of 2016-2017

Ms. Serghi noted that Mr. Chason had been appointed as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors. Under the constitution and bylaws, Mr. Chason could not continue to serve as secretary for the remainder of 2016-2017. Ms. Serghi asked for nominations for the vacant office of secretary. Mr. Chason nominated Mr. Abelt; Mr. Kincaid seconded the nomination and asked that nominations be closed. Hearing no objection, Ms. Serghi closed nominations and asked for a voice vote. The Assembly unanimously approved Mr. Abelt as secretary.

5. Standing Committees

Academic Affairs: Christie Porter

Having not yet met, the committee had no report.

COPAR: Tricia Vahle

The committee has set its meeting schedule for the year and will soon have its “Budget 101” session with Sam Jones and a report from Dennis Manos. The committee also plans to review planning budget requests (PBRs) earlier this year than last year.

Executive Committee: Sophia Serghi

The committee will begin its monthly meetings on September 13.

Faculty Affairs: Megan Tschannen-Moran

Having not yet met, the committee had no report.

Liaison Committee: Cathy Forestell

Ms. Forestell reported that she has completed about 90% of the report on the recent faculty survey. The committee met on August 23 and agreed that the survey report should be used as the faculty presentation at the September meeting of the Board of Visitors.

3. Committee of the Whole

Mr. Chason moved that the Assembly meet as committee of the whole. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. After conferring as committee of the whole, the Assembly reconvened its regular meeting.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

- Ms. Serghi said she hoped the Assembly would consider issues of climate and faculty well being in the coming year. She said she hoped to invite Tatia Granger, Susan Grover, and Kelly Crace to speak at a future meeting of the Assembly.
- Ms. Porter said that there may be issues relating to nontenure eligible faculty for consideration in the year.

The President adjourned the meeting at 4:35.

Prepared by Eric Chason