

Faculty Assembly Meeting

Minutes for January 26, 2016

3:30-5:00 pm

Blow Hall Board Room

Members Present: Eric Chason, Denise Johnson, Terry Meyers, Chris Abelt, Tricia Vahle, Mark Forsyth, Christy Porter, Steve Halliday, Rex Kincaid, Gul Ozyegin, Sophia Serghi, Cathy Forestell, Liz Barnes, Patty Roberts, Vassiliki Panoussi, Chris Gareis

Members Absent: Suzanne Raitt, Chris Petrovits, Simon Stow, Ron Hess, Courtney Harris

Others in Attendance: Michael Halleran, Ginger Ambler

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 by Mr. Chason.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were approved.

2. Provost's Report and Q&A

Provost Halleran provided an update on the following

- VRS/OR: WM is continuing the process of potentially going our own way
- VA General Assembly is in session: the Provost is meeting with legislators and monitoring the budget and bills affecting WM such as tuition and salaries
- Board of Visitors, Foundation Board, Executive Board of the Alumni Association and Charter Day will all be taking place in February
- Policies on what AP/IB credit would be accepted: Currently, individual departments decide which AP/IB credits are accepted – the Provost is working to make sure this continues rather than the legislature imposing a blanket requirement for all universities.

3. Guest Speaker Presentation: Ginger Ambler

Student Affairs, which was reorganized in 2012, focuses on strengthening community for WM students and helping each individual to achieve their potential. Dr. Ambler provided information on five thematic areas of Student Affairs: campus living, career development, health and wellness, student engagement and leadership, and student success. Multiple resources available on an off campus for student mental health services were discussed. William & Mary and higher education in general are seeing an increase in students with mental health issues. Faculty should know that they are often the first people to see potential risk factors in students and can contact someone in Student Affairs to assist students or to feel equipped to help students. Communication on all of the services available should be sent to faculty and made widely available to students.

The College is in the design phase of the Integrative Wellness Center, which will house the counseling and health centers, health promotion, and some services from campus recreation. The idea is that wellness matters by creating a place that honors well being. The center is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2017.

4. Proposed changes to Faculty Handbook (deferred from December meeting)

Discussion ensued around the proposed amendment to the Faculty Handbook by the PPC that pertains to the tenure timeline for faculty who are hired ABD. As it stands now in the Faculty Handbook, when someone is hired ABD, the tenure clock starts.

Eric Chasen proposed that the faculty affairs committee look at the issue further which was seconded by Rex Kincade. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional information will also be provided by Provost Halleran at the next FA meeting.

5. Standing Committees

a. Academic Affairs: Steve Holliday

The committee is still in process of sorting out handbook issues for NTEs

b. COPAR: Tricia Vahle

Two meetings are coming up, the first on 2/5/16 with Dennis Manos about allocation issues, and the second on 2/26/16 to discuss the budget with the Provost.

c. Executive Committee: Eric Chason

The committee continues to work on the Faculty Handbook change on Title Nine issues. The committee had a productive meeting with the Provost and two other members of the PPC and is getting closer to making a decision. The hope is to come to a decision in time for the BOV meeting. If there is agreement, it will go back to the PPC for approval, then after a 30-day period, the FA will vote at the March meeting.

d. Faculty Affairs: Chris Abelt

No report

e. Liaison Committee: Liz Barnes

The FA presentation at the BOV meeting Friday morning (2/5/16) from 9:15-10:15 will be about the development and current state of NTE faculty at WM.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

None

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Johnson