

# PROFESSIONALS & PROFESSIONAL FACULTY ASSEMBLY

# March 4, 2022 MEETING MINUTES: 9.00am-10.00am

PPFA Members: x denotes member was present and - denotes member was not present

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Anderson, Ginia	х	Joseph, Jacob	-	Palacios, Melissa	х
Armstrong, Suzie	х	Emrys Koenigsmann	-	Pettigrew, Melissa	х
Belback, Teresa	х	Leung, Jennifer	х	Russell, Tim	х
Davis, Tamekka	х	Lewis, Nasha	х	Smith, Sarah	-
Erb, Ruth	х	Locks, Taylor	-	Zawoyski, Ali	х
Frey, Jonathan	-	MacAleese, Elizabeth	-	Non-voting	
Hummel, Julie	Х	Milholland, Anna	Х	Mauer, Mariellynn	х
		Owens, Shene	-	White, Shannon	х

Present: A maximum of 40 persons total were present on the Zoom web call

- I. Welcome & Introductions (Called to order: 9:02am)
- II. Agenda: Review and approve (vote by unanimous consent)
- III. Minutes: February minutes will be approved at the April PPFA meeting
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee (Officers and Committee Chairs)
    - Upcoming elections important information will be shared in the Membership report
      - 1. Have two additional positions, on top of regular 7 annual positions to fill this year, total of 9 vacancies.
    - ii. Update on joint committees and events with Staff Assembly
      - 1. Development Funds cross assembly work update, Fund created by BOV, process of distribution was confusing, asking to carryover funding from this year to next fiscal year
      - 2. Leadership Panel with Staff Assembly and HR, opportunity to talk about what it is like to serve on assemblies
  - b. Academic Anna Milholland (Chair)
    - i. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please reach out to Anna at anna.milholland@mason.wm.edu
    - ii. Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month 11am-noon
    - iii. The Academic Committee will not meet this month (March); the next meeting will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am
    - iv. 2022 Teaching and Learning Symposium will be held on April 28th
    - v. Dean (for Mason) Search is taking place right now
  - c. Administrative Nasha Lewis (Chair)



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- i. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please reach out to Nasha at nlewis@wm.edu
- ii. The Administrative Committee meets at 2pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month
  - 1. The next meeting will be on March 24th
- iii. The committee is updating the university's grievance policy and hopes to have it available for PPF comment in late April
- d. Communication Melissa Palacios (Chair)
  - i. This committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month; and collaborates regularly via Teams
  - ii. If you have an event and would like assistance promoting it, please fill out the PPFA Events & Happening Communications Intake Form
  - iii. Current projects include
    - 1. Posting communications about the upcoming election
    - 2. Advertising "Nourishing Greatness" series and "W&M Professionals Week"
    - 3. Evaluating PPFA social media presence (follow us on Instagram @wmppfa)
- e. Membership Taylor Locks (Chair)
  - i. Nominations and Elections Cycle
    - 1. Nomination deadline has been extended til noon on March 4<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Self-nominations are encouraged
    - 3. Next steps publication of candidates for review, ballots open, voting closes at the end of March, newly elected representatives will be introduced in April and participate in orientation
- f. Professional Development Melissa Pettigrew & Teresa Belback (Co-chairs)
  - February's "Nourishing Greatness" featuring Michael Steelman from University Advancement was recorded and is now available on Cornerstone; search "Nourishing Greatness"
  - ii. April's "Nourishing Greatness" will feature guests from Swem Library; tentative date is April 6<sup>th</sup>. Look for announcements in the Digest.
    - 1. Hoping to learn more about and share different resources on campus available for PPFs
  - iii. If you would like to recommend someone to host a Nourishing Greatness talk or a good Resource Roundup, please let Melissa and Teresa know.
- V. Additional Campus wide committee Reports
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Board of Visitors meeting update from Staff Liaison
    - i. Met Charter Day Weekend, including multi-board meeting (Alumni Board, Foundation Board)
    - ii. Vision 2026 plan was unveiled at multi-board meeting



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- iii. Updates on construction projects, including hard hat tour of Sadler West; if PPF's are interested in a tour, Shannon will look into the possibilities
- iv. Lots of updates at this meeting
- b. Charter Day honorary degrees (Questions received)
  - i. Honorary degrees to governors this is a tradition;
  - ii. Additional goal getting them on campus early in their term encourages them to start the conversation/share views of higher ed (during campaign focus is on K-12 education, not higher ed)
- c. Joint email from PPFA & SA Presidents (Feb)
  - i. Any questions or concerns regarding the joint email or topics of remote work and/or university closings?
    - 1. Inclement weather policy
    - 2. Emergency closing policy

#### VII. New Business

- a. Recent Administrative Announcements or Decisions
  - Vision 2026 shared over Charter Day weekend (March 7 @ 4pm, Sadler Center Chesapeake Room - in person meeting)
    - 1. Three goals, four initiatives
    - 2. 2026 is intentional
      - a. connection to 1776, focus on democracy
      - b. Expecting demographic cliff for student enrollment and impact on university
  - ii. Masking decision making (see COO Sebring emails)
  - iii. Mandatory Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Training in Cornerstone March 18<sup>th</sup> deadline

#### VIII. Announcements

- a. National Employee Appreciation Day
  - i. Supervisors, please thank your staff
- b. Staff Assembly nominations are open right now March 1-19, please nominate staff members
- c. <u>Employee Equity and Belonging Collective</u> is holding first Community Conversation
- IX. Adjournment (9:40am)
  - a. Motion Lewis; second Hummel

Next PPFA Meeting – General Meeting April 1, 2022 9:00-10:00am https://cwm.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqduCqrz8tEtPfTkb8jFGS\_gey9EB0\_Vp9

\*\*The link for meeting registration will be the same URL used throughout the 2021-22 year for PPFA meetings. Once you register, you can download all meetings to your calendar they will include the Zoom URL. Any changes from Zoom to in-person meetings will be announced in advance.