2017-2018 FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Virginia Rice Webb Room, Webb Center)

Minutes of the Meeting Held November 30th, 2017:

with the President and the Provost

Present: David Burdige, Nina Brown, Michael Carhart, Patrick Hester, Donna Hughes-Oldenburg, Lynn Wiles, Michael Zugelder. Guests: Provost Austin Agho.

Items discussed included:

1. Status of the reconciliation committees (grade appeal and student opinion surveys).

A. Grade Appeal. The sticking point is, what if there is a disagreement between the Department Head and the Committee?

B. Student opinion surveys. The Provost pointed out that administrators haven’t been following the Faculty Handbook regarding the surveys. Senator Carhart, a member of the reconciliation committee for this issue charged Vice Provost Brian Payne with determining exactly what the surveys purpose is meant to be.

2. Status of the proposed plan for departmental reviews.

Academic Affairs is going to do a pilot with one department in the College of Education and one department in the College of Business. Senator Burdige wanted to know if Senate representatives will be included in the review process or if the Senate get a copy of the final report. The answer was unclear at this time, because the process hasn’t really started yet.

3. University planning and review by the Provost.

The Provost has not yet signed off on the Academic Action Plan.

4. University’s response to proposed changes in the tax laws that would allow taxation of graduate student stipends and tuition remission.

The Virginia Universities’ Deans of Graduate Schools wrote a letter to Congress outlining their reservations. Senator Burdige would like to see President Broderick get in contact with Virginia Representative for the 2d District, Scott Taylor to detail exactly how such a change would impact ODU and the 2d District.

Respectfully submitted,



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