Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Executive Committee
With the President and Provost
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
2:00- p.m.
Zoom Conference

1. Called to order 2:03 pm
   a. In attendance:
      i. President John Broderick, Provost Austin Agho, Chairman John Sokolowski, Secretary Corrin Richels, Senator Lynn Tolle, Senator Charlie Daniels, Senator Wie Yusuf, Past Chairman David Burdige, Library Representative Karen Vaughan

2. Action Items
   - Program Discontinuance Update
     o SCHEV is supposed to meet in May or June
     o Provost Agho will update the Executive Committee following that meeting
     o Concerns raised regarding:
       ▪ The involvement of the Faculty Senate
       ▪ The seemingly arbitrary handling
       ▪ Some of the other programs that were on the list 5-years-ago have not met their benchmarks
       ▪ If were are going to ask faculty and departments to make efforts to improve, then the support of those efforts needs to come from the administration above that level
     o Response:
       ▪ This process was not started in the university it was handed down by SCHEV
       ▪ Asked for an extension so that the Senate committees could meet and discuss
       ▪ Modeling and simulation was on the table 5-years ago as was the program in Sociology
         ▪ Action plans were put in place then and the programs still fell short
       ▪ In terms of other programs with lower numbers that were not cut, those programs are easily justifiable as being critical to the mission of the university
       ▪ Provost Agho agreed that support for faculty and departmental efforts should be parallel at higher levels of administration
   - ODU Covid-19 Response
     o What are the future plans?
       ▪ ODU along with other institutions in the commonwealth has submitted to the state and federal government with projected loss of income
       ▪ The impact of the virus will be felt across the campus for years to come not months
       ▪ There is going to need to be coordination of efforts across campuses to make decisions regarding enrollments and on-campus services

Respectfully submitted by Corrin Richels - Secretary, Faculty Senate
• ODU Covid-19 Response (cont.)
  o Future plans (cont.)
    ▪ Our online presence before the crisis has served as a minor buffer in continued function
  o Some communications issues
    ▪ The pass/fail policy rolled out to faculty and students at the same time
    ▪ Giving the faculty a preview before major policies roll-out would be helpful
      • Unfortunately, the crisis has morphed so quickly that it is not always possible to stagger announcements. However, efforts will be made to do so as we navigate forward.
    ▪ Concern raised regarding new buildings on the docket
      • The intent is to move those projects through in order to keep as many people employed as possible
    ▪ Concern raised regarding the email from ODURF
      • John Sokolowski will follow-up with Morris Foster on this issue
• Summer classes
  o The announcement regarding summer coursework is forthcoming
    ▪ Timing of announcements will be coordinated
• How can Faculty help?
  o Teaching evaluations
    ▪ One option would be to send them out as usual without evaluations go to the faculty and not to administrators
    ▪ Instead of the usual SOS maybe a more generic survey to ask the students what went well and what didn’t
    ▪ Possibly aggregate information by college
    ▪ Want to be clear to faculty that any surveys will not be used punitively but rather informatively
    ▪ Faculty could use CLT pre-made evaluations that are already available in Bb
    ▪ Some direct instruction from Academic Affairs regarding the use of
• Items from President and Provost.
  o Dean Bray’s retirement in DCEPS as of May
    ▪ An interim will be appointed for a year so a search can be conducted
  o Dean’s Search in College of Engineering on hold
    ▪ Provost Agho will reach out to candidates to get an idea of intentions and timeframes moving forward
• Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm