

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

TUESDAY, November 19, 2024

3:00-4:15 p.m. Hampton/Newport News Rooms, WEBB

Minutes

1. **Call to order 3:01**

2. **Circulate the roll.** In person N = 29, via ZOOM N = 10, **Senators N = 39**

Abdullah Al-Tair	Zoom	Lee Land	X
Marta Agata Ambrozewicz	Zoom	Selena Layden	X
Sebastian Bawab	Absent	Tatyana Lobova	X
Elizabeth Black	X	Drew Lopenzina	Absent
Nina Brown	Absent	Jihea Maddamsetti	Absent
Larisa Bulysheva	X	Denise McKinney	Zoom
David Burdige	Absent	Amy Milligan	Absent
Elizabeth Burns	X	Anil Nair	Zoom
Michael Carhart	X	Steve Pascal	X
Paul Champagne	Zoom	Desh Ranjan	X
Anjeza Cipi	Absent	Leryn Reynolds	X
John Crosby	X	Jesse Richman	Zoom
Kenneth Fitzgerald	X	Tinnika Robertson-Jones	X
Eva Forgacs-Lonart	Zoom	Patrick Sachs	X
Corrin Gillis	X	Gary Schafran	X
Cassie Glenn	X	Eric Schussler	X
Mahesh Gopinath	Absent	Mike Seek	Zoom
Roderick Graham	X	David Selover	X
Dennis Gregory	X	John Sinacori	Absent
James Michael Hall	X	Masha Sosonkina	Absent
Joy Hampton	Absent	Ling Tuo	X
Richard Handel	Zoom	Resit Unal	X
Janice Hawkins	Zoom	Larry Weinstein	X
Kate Hawkins	X	Nicole Willock	Zoom
Alireza Hosseini	X	Lucy Wittkower	Zoom
Mia Joe	X	Nazita Yousefieh	X
Aurora Kerscher	Absent	Wie Yusuf	X

3. **Approval of the Agenda.**

- **Approved**

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

- **Approved**

5. **Chair's Report.** (Chairman Carhart)

- Save the date: January 28th is a back-up meeting with VP for Research Dr. Fridley in the SGA Chamber, WEBB
- Please collect questions from your departments for this meeting
- All Senate standing committees chairs need to check if VHS faculty representatives must be included and report to Executive Committee
- Request for Senate to deputize the Senate Executive Committee to work over the winter break to represent Senate if needed. This will cover a period December 1, 2024 – January 11, 2025

i. Approved

6. Action Items:

Committee A: (Senator Lobova)

- **AY24-7-A Humanities and Data Science Minor**
 - Approved
- **AY24-8-A Music Production Minor**
 - Approved

Committee I: (Senator Richman)

- **AY23-45-I Eligibility of High School Students for the Tuition Assistance Program**
 - Discussion centered around expanding the criteria to include more options for eligible faculty dependents
 - Friendly amendment to strike “Gifted” from the description
 - Policy approved as amended

7. Committee Reports

Committee G: (Senator Kate Hawkins)

- **Discussion of Recommended Changes to the Scope of the Proposed Policy About Protecting Faculty Researchers and Scholars.**
 - First part of the policy will be the scope
 - The scope will reference the specific language provided by the AAUP
 - The AAUP standards allow faculty to speak as citizens in “the public sphere” either as experts in our areas or as citizens
 - The university should provide the same protections to faculty in the public sphere as it does in the professional sphere consistent with First Amendment Law
 - There is no intent to limit coverage to tenure only
 - 2014 Chicago Statement of Principles for rights in education

- This is a dynamic statement that lends further strength to support of faculty protections
- Add language to cover clinical practitioners
- Revise language to consider smaller interactions with students outside of classroom or laboratory settings
- Please reference the Faculty Handbook ethics section for more specific language

8. Adjournment

Adjournment 4:17pm