

Minutes of the Senate Executive Committee meeting with the President and Provost

Thursday, November 9, 2023 @ 3:00 -4:00pm

Rabbi Reich Room, Webb Center

Attendance: Chair Michael Carhart, Secretary Tatyana Lobova, Senator David Burdige, Senator Steve Hsiung, Senator Dennis Gregory, Senator Wie Yusuf, Senator Lucy Wittkower; President Brian O. Hemphill, Provost Austin Agho, VP Ashley Schumaker.

1. EVHSC@ODU & Sentara – BoV & President’s news
 - a) 10-years deal with Sentara was made, the MOU is in works and will be announced when completed. New “Sentara Health” insurance is the result of rebranding and should not have an impact on ODU medical insurance change.
 - b) Pass the message to EVMS senators to communicate directly with the ODU senators/Executive Committee when needed rather than administration.
2. Faculty Handbook revisions
 - a. Revisions were made to the Hand Book regarding the Faculty Forum – the entire paragraph was removed by the Board of Visitors without consulting with and approval of the Senate. We propose that Senate set the standards what policies Senate and BoV can control/change.
 - b. Provost: DL technology students fee change happened in 2021 from \$20 to \$30. Fees distribution % did NOT change between Academic Affairs, college and department. That policy is in the Hand Book but it should not be included because other fees are not included in the Hand Book.
 - c. Intellectual Property policy needs to be clarified in the Hand Book.
3. Distance Learning
 - a. DL does not hire faculty to teach online courses – the message must be delivered to all faculty. Only Academic Affairs does.
 - b. There is a problem with the registration for hybrid courses now. It should be brought up to Provost attention.
4. Freedom of speech on campus.
 - a. Updates on President joining the group of other universities.
5. ITS
 - a. The search will start for a new head of IT.
 - b. Danny Kemp is a current acting director.
 - c. 19 new IT will join from EVMS