

TUESDAY, October 25, 2022
3:00-4:15 p.m. **Hampton/Newport News Rooms**

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**

- The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm

2. **Roll taken**

Elizabeth Black	zoom	Jim Leathrum	
Nina Brown	zoom	Soo-Hoon Lee	+
Larisa Bulysheva	+	Tatyana Lobova	+
David Burdige	+	Drew Lopenzina	+
Elizabeth Burns		Perry Nerem	+
Michael Carhart	+	Steven Pascal	
Konstantin Cigularov	zoom	Pilar Pazos-Lago	zoom
Kyle Davis	+	Desh Ranjan	+
Kenneth Fitzgerald	+	Patrick Sachs	zoom
Corrin Gillis	+	Annette Savage	+
Dennis Gregory	+	Gary Schafran	zoom
James Michael Hall	zoom	Eric Schussler	zoom
Fran Hassencahl	+	David Selover	+
Janice Hawkins	+	Yonghee Suh	+
Leslie Hoglund		Lynn Tolle	zoom
Steve Hsiung	+	Ingrid Whitaker	
Chunqi Jiang	zoom	Nicole Willock	zoom
Mia Joe	zoom	Lucy Wittkower	+
Lee Land	+	Wie Yusuf	zoom

- In person N =20, via ZOOM N = 13 (N =35, including Brian Payne, Jennifer Moody)

Senators (n = 33)

3. **Approval of the Agenda.**

- **All approved**

4. **Approval of the Minutes.**

- **All approved**

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

- Senate was represented at President' Inauguration and the Chair's address will be posted on Senate website.
- Recent report on EVMS integration status. New name is "Academic Health Sciences Center" with 5 units/schools.
- We need to form a committee to review our bylaws with the assumption that the integration will happen. We need an inventory/update on all departments and their representatives for Senate. E.g., VCU rule is no more than 20% of Senate representation per college.
- Chair Carhart is co-chairing the committee on review of workload in A&L college, with the new Dean of A&L.
- Concerns are being expressed regarding the sizes of new schools within the new Academic School of Health Sciences. How they will be represented in senate given that many medical departments have 1-few person(s)

6. **Action Items:**

- **Committee C: (Senator Yusuf)**

- **AY22-9-C Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis**

This is a new program proposal to SCHEV for a MS in Applied Behavior Analysis by the Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education, Darden College of Education and Professional Studies.

Cmte C: Cmte C had some additional recommendations/considerations for the program once implemented, recognizing that these should be decisions made by the program and department. Recommended approval.

Approved 100% in favor.

- **Committee D: (Senator Lee)**

- **AY20-35-D Eminent Scholar Awards Process- College and Gender Disparities in Eminent Scholar Awards**

The goal is no minimize implicit bias because there is an underrepresentation of female faculty.

Cmte D recommends:

- 1) Colleges without Eminent Scholars to select a full professor as a representative on the Eminent Scholars Cmte
Approved: 57% in favor, 40% not in favor, 3% abstain
- 2) The chair of Eminent Scholars cmte, in consultation with committee members will establish a guidelines for candidates evaluation.
Approved: 93% in favor, 7% not in favor, 0% abstain
- 3) A department that has been awarded an eminent scholar will not be eligible to nominate a candidate from or for that department for 3 years from the date of the announced award.
Rejected: 21% in favor, 79% not in favor, 0% abstain

Discussion: Eminent Scholar committee members expressed disagreement with the above recommendations. Number of Eminent Scholars is limited by the available funds. Senators proposed Cmte D to petition to AA for more Eminent Scholars positions/funds. Executive Cmte need to address the funding with the Provost at the next meeting.

- **Committee A: (Senator Lobova)**

- **AY22-13-A Proposal for a New BS Degree Program in Data Science**

- This is a new interdisciplinary degree created by the faculty from 4 colleges and 6 departments. The degree will be hosted in the new proposed School of Data Sciences under the Academic Affairs.

- Cmte A recommendation:** Recommended approval

Motion to postpone the discussion of the new interdisciplinary School of Data Science to the next Senate meeting:

Approved: 71% in favor, 29% not in favor, 0% abstain

8. **Adjournment**

Adjourned 4:23pm