

Meeting of Faculty Senate on February 9th, 2007

Members Present: Carolyn Wilson, Ghyasuddin Ahmed, Majid Amini, Salame Amr, Larry Brown, Kenneth Bernard, Deborah Goodwyn, Mark Kraemer, Paul Kaseloo, Lawrence Hawthorne, Gary MacDonald, Earl Newby, Tariq Qazi, Mohammad Tabanjeh, Shahzad Akbar, Serena Reese, Richard Schwartz, Cheryl Stampley, Thomas Larose, Louvella Luster, Colleen Taylor, Pamela Trotter, Isis Walton, Karen Faison, Cara Brade, Eyob Ephram, Donna Crawford, Bennis Blue, Weldon Hill, Alice Joyner

Quorum was not confirmed yet.

Report from University Council Representative

Dr. Kaseloo asked the chair of faculty senate, Dr. Goodwyn to submit his report from UC and leave early. He reported from the last two UC meetings of January 19 and February 2. From the January 2nd meeting, the need to use Banner for Fall 2007 pre-registration was necessary to meet adequate progress with respect to technology oversight from the responsible state organization (VITA). Recommendations in the Governor's budget included more money for student loans and planning for a renovation of Hunter-McDaniel. From the February 2nd meeting, there has been a resolution with the contractor related to the roof on the new Engineering building at it will, hopefully, be ready for occupancy in the Fall 2007 semester. Renovations on Gandy Hall should be complete by April 2007. A notice on committees for the revised 20/20 plan will be sent to faculty. There will be an upcoming gala dinner to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Virginia State University with further information to follow. The sign on the Petersburg side of campus is to be replaced with a flashing billboard similar to that on the River Road side of campus.

At 3:20 PM, a quorum was acknowledged and Dr. Goodwyn called the meeting officially to order.

Agenda

Accepted as amended.

Minutes of January 26th, Meeting

Approved as amended.

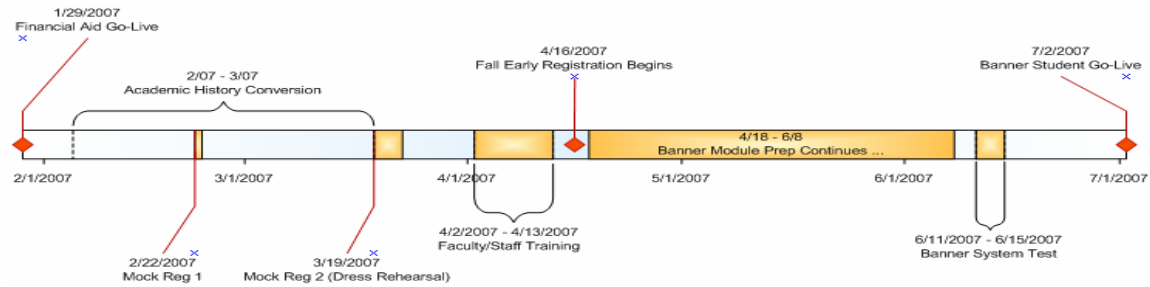
Invitation to Faculty Senate Meeting

Dr. Goodwyn informed the group that an invitation will be extended to President Moore to attend the March 9th meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Special Presentations

Judy Marchand, the VSU Chief Information Officer (CIO), was invited to the meeting. She indicated that she was pleased to be invited. She introduced Rodney Fowlkes, the Director of Information Technology (OIT) who came to discuss the recent upgrade of Blackboard and respond to questions from faculty senators. He indicated that OIT would respond to calls for support as quickly as possible. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) could be helpful to faculty. Blackboard workshops will be offered during the semester.

Ms. Marchand introduced Mr. Richard Barnes, the VSU Banner Project Manager. He made a brief presentation on the current status of the Banner project, timeline, the upcoming mock registration and faculty and staff training, in preparation for the first "live" pre-registration on the Banner system in April. Mr. Barnes also responded to questions and received input on how to best schedule and deliver the faculty training.



Ms. Marchand also introduced Mr. Anthony Lane, Vice President of Sales, Mr. Mario Astorga, Major Account Manager, from Electronic Systems Incorporated (ESI) and Mr. Chris Brown, Area Sales Manager from Kyocera Mita America, who came to present a proposal for print management solution currently under consideration for implementation at VSU. There was a discussion and questions regarding how the implementation of the new print management solution would impact faculty. Ms. Marchand Hampton, VSU Chief Information Officer (CIO), assured the faculty on behalf of the Provost, that faculty printers would not be removed. She indicated that she will share additional technology updates at future Faculty Senate meetings, including results of the Fall 2006 Faculty and Student Technology Surveys.

Curriculum Addition/Modification/Deactivation

Dr. Bernard reported changes made and approved for several courses. Those proposals followed the procedure delineated for Course Additions, Deactivations, and Modifications. The proposals for the creation, deactivation, or significant modification of all academic programs were submitted to the Undergraduate or Graduate Curriculum Committees for review of all documentation, consideration of compliance with guidelines by any regulatory or accrediting body, and appropriateness. The Undergraduate or Graduate Curriculum Committee certified that all requirements were satisfied. The proposals were presented to the Faculty Senate for approval. Those proposals will be forwarded to the Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs for approval. The undergraduate curriculum changes were approved to add these courses: Introduction to Black History (HIST 112) and Introduction to History (HIST 111). A minor in Philosophy was approved. History and Social Sciences Endorsement was approved to get modified. The change to the Engineering Problem Solving Course (ENGT 105) was also approved. The Senior Project I and Senior Project II (ELET 430 & ELET 431) were approved to replace the Senior Project I and Senior Project II (ELET 420 and ELET 421) respectively. The Senior Project I and Senior Project II (MCET 450 and MCET 451) were approved to replace the Senior Project (MCET 420).

Student Evaluation of Instructions Form

It was requested by the faculty senate to remove section B from the form. It was indicated that the form should address the instructor's knowledge and interaction with students. It was recommended to include a comment section. Faculty should receive the blank evaluation forms earlier in the semester, say around the 10th week. However, the drafted form will be reviewed, revised and modified by the AD HOC on Evaluation Committee. The form will be re-sent again to faculty for review.

Provost's Report

Dr. Hunter was present on behalf of Dr. Thomas. He indicated the following:

- Dr. Thomas invited the VSU Chief Information Officer, Judy Marchand to this meeting of Faculty Senate to address issues and concerns raised by faculty.

- VSU is required to submit a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) which “addresses a well-defined issue or issues directly related to improving student learning.” Its development requires broad participation by all constituents of the university academic community.
- Dr. Thomas will talk more about QEP during the faculty assembly on Wednesday, February 14.
- 20/20 Vision Plan will be revised and updated next month.

Report from BOV’s Representative

Dr. Crawford indicated that faculty senate needs to nominate faculty representatives to the Board of Visitors. However, she will submit a detailed report at the next faculty senate meeting.

Announcements

First undergraduate students research conference is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 6th, 2007.

Faculty assembly will take place at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 14th, 2007.

At 5:05, the Faculty Senate adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Salame Amr,
Secretary, Faculty Senate