

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

Hofheimer Hall Room 757

Zoom link below if off campus

Present: R. Britt, A. Cipi, A. Dobrian, J. Hampton, N. Heise, A. Hosseini, S. Ikonne, R. Koteeswaran, S. Kwon, M. Mlynarczyk, Ch. Okigbo, M. Pant, M. Rubino, J. Sinacori, D. Taylor-Fishwick

1. Call to Order Hosseini
2. Approval of March Minutes
3. Guest Speaker: Dr. Carhart, PhD; ODU Senate President

Alternates for Senate:

EVMS is in the process of updating the Senate bylaws as the new assembly, which will include new membership for basic sciences and new departments. We may use emeritus faculty as ad-hoc members for the Faculty Senate. EVMS will keep a Faculty Assembly, which will have responsibility for Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center (EVHSC) internal matters. EVHSC will have 9 senators (7 medical school senators including clinical and basic science and 2 senators from School of Health Professions) in the ODU Senate. There is a hybrid option for people attending the meetings virtually. There may be a modification to the policy to allow more than 2 absences from Senate meetings before removal.

There are 9 standing committees at ODU Senate. Each committee has special responsibilities. A faculty senator must chair the institutional standing committees, but there is no need for all Committee members to be Senators. The Senate can create policies to deal with emerging issues.

Faculty Senate Meetings: Every month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The fourth Tuesday of the month serves as a backup time, when needed.

There is a mutual understanding of re-visiting the Senate structure to allow us to work through issues with ODU and EVMS integration. As long as we are making progress, we can adjust the policy along the way.

Areas of Contention:

At ODU, tenure is associated with the rank of associate and full professor which is not currently the practice at EVMS. The mutual understanding and agreement is to maintain current Promotion and Tenure policies as is for at least 2 years, and the two sides will work toward a common policy in future, with no time limitation.

There is a mutual understanding and agreement to form a subcommittee to review other institutions, especially those that have merged as examples and try to form our own policies as they fit ODU and EVMS.

4. President's Report Hosseini

Integration of ODU and EVMS is on course for July 1.

There will be benefits sessions at the end of April, and benefits Enrollment will be May 1- May 15.

There will be applications for the division directors of the newly formed single Basic Science department, and the Vice Dean of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development is tasked to develop the process. The Division Director appointments will only last for 1 year, and then the new chair of the merged Basic Science department can make his appointments.

A town hall meeting will occur to discuss division directors and the new merged department's name.

A search committee for the newly merged Basic Science department will be formed to select a new chair.

5. Faculty Senate By-laws: Discussed and draft has been sent for review by the EVMS Counsel.

6. Currents EVMS CFAS Representatives where re-elected for a second term for Drs. Wellman and Roberts as EVMS CFAS representatives for an additional 3 years.

Motion - Mary Rubino

Second - Natasha Heise

Approved.

7. Suggestions for guest speakers

- I. CFAS representatives- May (invited)

- II. Dr. Milton Brown (June) - ODU merger, grants, future of research
- 8. Other business:
 - I. New Senators - elections in the departments/schools, if appropriate
 - II. Space Committee - report/follow up
- 9. Adjourn

Coming Up:

Next Meeting: May 20, 2024, Room 757 Hofheimer Hall with Zoom option for those who are off campus

Join Zoom Meeting

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