

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday August 20, 2012

Members in attendance:

Derkay, Handel, Crews, Lattanzio, Cunnion, Daniel, Devine, Tahhan, Rubino, Fantaskey and Collins

Special guest:

Stacey Purcell

In the absence of Dr. Krishna, the meeting was called to order at 5pm by Past-President Rick Handel.

- I. July meeting minutes approved and posted on website.
- II. President's report: Dean's Executive Council, Board of Visitors and Academic Affairs committee minutes already distributed via email.
- III. Old business
 - A. Advancement and Promotions Committee: The Dean will be meeting with incoming Faculty Senate President David Archer and outgoing President Neel Krishna to discuss the comments collected from the Faculty (distributed via email by Dr. Krishna). The documents are headed to the Chairs for their review.
 - B. Institutes and Centers: Dr. Krishna has identified all of the Institutes and Centers at EVMS and be collecting, over the next few weeks, information from all of the Chairs and from the Institute and Center Directors for review by the Dean and the IC sub-committee.
- IV. New business
 - A. Space committee: It was recommended that Dr. Archer discuss with the Dean the current status of space allocation on campus and the role of the Faculty in making decisions regarding this contentious issue.
 - B. Faculty Achievement Awards: Nominations are being sought for the Dean's Faculty Achievement Awards for teaching, research, community and full-time faculty. State teaching award nominations are also being sought through the Awards committee.

1) Oct 3rd, 2012 (Wed) deadline - for the 2013 Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award. (previously won before by Aravich, Pellegrino, Britt, and Campbell, so certainly possible)

2) November 2nd, 2012 deadline - for the 2012 Virginia Outstanding Scientist Award. (previously won by Vinik, so also possible)

3) Approximately ~ November 1st/2nd week, 2012 - the combined staff/faculty 'awards' ceremony (i.e. Dean's Faculty Achievement Awards ceremony)

Please email Ian Chen, Chair, EVMS Faculty Achievement Awards Committee (chenia@evms.edu) or Alice Fretwell for additional information on the

awards and process for nominations.

C. EVMS/W&M Due diligence committee: The President's office has formed a due diligence committee to look at the myriad of issues that are involved in a potential merger of the two institutions. The Faculty Senate will be represented on the committee by Dr. Krishna.

D. Special guest: Stacy Purcell

Ms. Purcell made a presentation to the Senate regarding her efforts to revise the Faculty Handbook. She has asked the Senate to begin with a review/re-write of the information section on the Faculty Senate and the Senate bylaws (last performed about 4 years ago). She will forward electronically these sections to us and we can seek volunteers to tackle this over the next 8 weeks. There are 6 additional sections that she would like Senate input regarding: Process for revising Faculty policies; Grounds for dismissal of Faculty; Sabbatical leave/Fringe benefits/definition of Faculty status (full-time and part-time employment as viewed by Human Resources); Conflict of interest; Consulting policy and Faculty Grievance policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6pm. The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 2012-12 Academic year will take place on Monday September 17th at 5pm on the 7th floor of Hoffheimer Hall. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to send your alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Derkay, MD
Secretary, Faculty Senate

Note: These are my last minutes as Faculty Senate Secretary after 12 years in this position!