

*Minutes  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
November 7, 2018*

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Present: Professors: Elizabeth Worden, Karen Baehler, Andrea Pearson, Anthony Ahrens, Kyle Brannon, Stefano Costanzi, John Douglass, Max Friedman, Jolynn Gardner, Nikhat Ghouse, Maria Gomez, Robert Hauswald, John Heywood, Alan Isaac, Derrick Jefferson, Peter Kuznick, Emily Lindsay, Garret Martin, Danielle Mysliwec, Mohamed Nimer, Zehra Peynircioglu, Jim Quirk, Richard Sha, Cathy Schaeff, Joran Tama, Interim Provost Mary L. Clark, Acting DAA Lisa Leff.

**Professor Worden called the meeting to order at 2:40pm**

**Chair's Report – Elizabeth Worden**

**Approval of the October 3, 2018 Minutes**

Professor Worden opened the floor for discussion. There was a correction made and then the Senate **VOTED** in favor 23-0-1.

**Regulation Change 5.2 & 5.3**

Professor Worden informed the Senate that at the last Executive Committee meeting the committee approved a change to Undergraduate Academic Regulation 5.2 and 5.3 to bring it into compliance with the federal regulation of Title IV (financial aid) funds. Vice Provost Waters explained that there was a discrepancy between the undergraduate academic regulations and the financial aid section regarding the definition of “Satisfactory Academic Progress.” The Executive Committee agreed, and the regulation was changed to state students must “complete two-thirds (66.67 percent) of all attempted credit hours” to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress to retain financial aid, which brought the document into compliance with federal regulations.

**Strategic Plan Update**

Professor Worden briefly discussed the next steps in responding to the Strategic Plan after the retreat and faculty focus groups. Since the final plan has not been distributed, the Senate will consider drafting a response to the implementation of the plan if needed.

**Provost's Report – Mary L. Clark**

Provost Clark shared survey results from the faculty retreat on the Eastern Shore. She asked the Senate for their feedback as well as how to move forward with the future of this event. Several comments were discussed on distance, cost concerns, and timing.

### **Community Based Learning (CBL) Informational Overview - Gemma Puglisi and Marcy Campos**

Professor Gemma Puglisi and Director of the Center for Community Engagement Marcy Campos gave a detailed presentation on current CBL programs and how they have impacted the students and university. They wished to inform faculty on the current classes and opportunities that are currently being offered with CBL with the hope that more faculty will include this component to their classes in the future.

### **NSSE Survey Data Overview – Karen Frosliid Jones**

Assistant Provost Karen Frosliid-Jones from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment informed the Senate of the results of the 2018 NSSE Survey. She stated that the purpose of the survey was to look at effective educational practices and to reveal what kind of experiences students are having while at the institution. The survey was administered last spring and is usually pulled at the national level from first year students and graduating seniors, however with the 2018 survey AU opted to survey the whole student body to specifically collect the data from the module on diversity and inclusion. The response rate for 2016 was 23% and 2018 it was 20%. Further data was shared, and discussion and questions followed.

### **Faculty Manual Change to CFA Committee Membership – Elizabeth Worden and Max Friedman**

Professor Worden informed the Senate that after consultation with the Senate leadership and the Senate Executive Committee, it was decided that both groups felt that term faculty should have representation on the CFA. Additionally, after consultation with the Committee on Term Faculty Affairs, it was proposed to elect two at-large seats to represent term faculty who will be voted on by the full-time faculty during the spring elections. Discussion was had by the Senators and it was **VOTED** 19-5-0 to table the discussion and to bring back to the December meeting.

### **Tuition Increase Resolution – Elizabeth Worden & Max Friedman**

Professor Worden introduced to the Senate a resolution to express the Senate's stand on a tuition increase. The resolution was discussed at length and feedback from other members of the community influenced the decision to rework the resolution language. The Senate **VOTED** 23-1-0 to table the resolution and bring it back to the December meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm**