

*Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
October 3, 2018*

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Present: Professors: Elizabeth Worden, Karen Baehler, Andrea Pearson, David Banks, Rachel Borchardt, Kyle Brannon, Time Doud, John Douglass, Chris Edelson, Maria Gomez, John Heywood, Kelly Joyner, Ken Knight, Iris Krasnow, Emily Lindsay, Jun Lu, Cathy Schaeff, Steve Silvia, Kate Wilson, Zehra Peynircioglu, Provost Scott Bass, DAA Mary L. Clark.

Professor Worden called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm

Chair's Report – Elizabeth Worden

Approval of the September 12, 2018 Minutes

Professor Worden opened the meeting for approval of the September minutes. Provost Clark made some minor editorial changes to the Provost's report and the Senate **VOTED** 24-0-0 in favor with the suggested changes.

Committee on Learning Assessment (COLA) Bylaw Changes – Professor Worden stated that the current chair of COLA Garret Martin requested that the current term as published in the bylaws be changed from two years to three years to allow for the learning curve and helpful feedback. The Senate **VOTED** 24-0-0 in favor.

Strategic Plan Focus Groups – Professor Worden stated that at the last meeting Seantors expressed their desire to be more involved with the Strategic Plan process. In response to this, the Senate along with Provost Clark's office has scheduled focus groups for open discussion about the plan.

Beyond SET Task Force – Professor Worden stated that Professors Max Friedman and Karen Baehler are working together on this initiative and will be reporting back to the Senate later in the year.

Professor Worden also reminded the Senators of the upcoming informal luncheon on October 10 from 12-1:30 pm in Letts Formal Lounge. She reminded the senators that with this year's light meetings agenda's this is the opportunity to bring forward new initiatives that Senators might have.

Provost's Report – Mary L. Clark

Interim Provost Clark gave the Senators dates and times of the 5 remaining Strategic Plan Focus Groups. She welcomed all to attend if they are available. She stated that the following weekend will be Faculty Retreat on the Eastern Shore where the focus and work will also be on the Strategic Plan.

Pre-Retirement Programs by HR – Andie Rowe

HR Representative Andie Rowe gave an overview of the upcoming presentations being provided by Human Resources on the Pre-Retirement presentations. She stated that these sessions will be happening this fall as well as in the spring. Additionally, she stated that the flu shot schedule has been set and available on the AhealthyU website.

Strategic Plan – President Sylvia Burwell

President Sylvia Matthews Burwell thanked the Senate for having her to present. She gave a brief overview of the current construction and other topics happening on campus.

- Currently underway is the low temperature hot water change over for the new campus heating system.
- The Hall of Science is well on its way with many thanks given to Gary and Pennie Abramson for their generous gift.
- The Sine Institute of Policy and Politics will be starting soon thanks to a generous donation received from Jeff and Samira Sine.
- Laura Denardis was awarded Scholar Teacher of the Year.
- The budget committee has been formed and has begun their work. Interim Provost Clark and VP Doug Kudravetz have presented for transparency the current process.
- The Provost search has completed the airport interview phase and the candidate pool has been narrowed to begin the next stages.
- **Strategic Plan** - President Burwell gave a quick review of the previous presentation from last spring on the Strategic Plan narrowing in on key points. More detailed discussion was spent on the Strategic Imperatives. Her review intention was to open the floor for more input or questions about the imperatives. The Senate engaged in a short Q&A session and anticipate more work at the upcoming retreat.

For the Good of the Order – Elizabeth Worden

Professor Worden opened the floor for more discussion and responses on the strategic plan. The Senators shared thoughts and questions that they might discuss at the retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.