

MINUTES
Vanderbilt University
Faculty Senate Meeting
October 3, 2019 - 4:10 pm
Frist 140 – School of Nursing

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2019

Report of the Executive Committee

Remarks by the Chancellor

Standing Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Scheduled Speaker

Good of the Senate

Adjournment

Voting Members Present: Acra; Algood; Attia; Benbow; Bisch; Bollen; Camarata; Choi; de Caestecker; Estrada; Fauchet; Friedman, D.; Geer; Harris; Heuser; Hudnut-Beumler; Hutson; Iacobucci; Laibinis; Lewis; Luis; Magnuson; Martin; McLean; McTamaney; Middagh; Modena; Neely; Norman; Pitt; Pitts; Simonett; Song; Terhune; Valentine; Wallace; and Walker

Voting Members Absent: Ackerly; Anderson, A.; Anderson, V.; Applegate; Audet; Balsler; Chambless; Cole; Creech; Drake; Enyedy; Filosa; Fitzpatrick; Friedman, K.; Guthrie; Hemingway; Jessee; Johnson; Lacy; Lind; Marnett; Morgan; Ochonou; Parish; Phillippi; Pollack; Ramey; Rodgers; Sanchez; Sharpley-Whiting; Townes; Wait; Williams and Yadav

Ex Officio Members Present: Bandas; Beasley; Brady; George; Greene; Kopstain; Lutz; Nairon; Raghavan; and Willis

Ex Officio Members Absent: Churchwell; Ertel; Hall; Pietenpol; Raiford; Robinson; Shellaway; Stalcup; Sweet; Turner; Wentz; and Wilson

Guests: Alissa Hare, Andrew Brodsky

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Call to Order

John McLean, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm.

Approval of the minutes of September 12, 2019

Chair McLean asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made. The motion was seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chair McLean proceeded to the next item of business.

Report of the Executive Committee (EC)

Chair McLean gave a brief report which covered the following:

- Appreciation was given to Kitt Carpenter, Helen Shin, and David Cole for leading the Community Conversation held earlier in the day that continued with themes reflected by George Takei, Chancellor Lecture Series speaker, the prior evening.
- Tara Williams, an Executive Assistant with EDI, was the Faculty Senate's "I Am Vanderbilt" featured staff person. The body was asked to make recommendations on the website.
- The October 3 Faculty Senate Meeting community theme was Faculty/Student Interface.
 - Reports would be given by the Student Life Committee and Faculty Life Committee.
- The November 7 meeting will be a Voting Members conversation. Only Senators and Deans will attend that meeting.
 - As a group exercise, Voting Members were asked to help build the meeting agenda by suggesting and writing discussion topics and submitting them.
- The December 12 Faculty Senate Meeting community theme will be the Community Conscience.
 - December reports will come from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and the Senate Affairs Committee.
- The Faculty Senate theme for 2019-20 is Civility and Community.
 - The Faculty Senate will create partnerships centered on community.
 - The Faculty Senate has partnered with the Chancellor's Lecture Series to sponsor "Community Conversations" the day after each lecture.

- The Faculty Senate has partnered with the Division of Communications on their “I Am Vanderbilt” campaign. During the September Faculty Senate meeting, members of the Senate were asked to complete a form identifying staff who serve the spirit, mission, and values of the university for an “I Am Vanderbilt” feature. All staff members featured in the Senate will be invited to the Faculty Senate’s year-end reception.
- Ann Price was acknowledged for her years of service to the Faculty Senate. She now serves as the VU Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR).

Chair McLean proceeded to the next item of business.

Remarks by the Interim Chancellor

Interim Chancellor Susan R. Wentz regrettably could not be present due to a previously scheduled out of town investment meeting.

Chair McLean proceeded to the next item of business.

Standing Committee Reports

Chair McLean called for a report from the Student Life Committee (SLC) Chair Lourdes Estrada. SLC continuing charges were highlighted:

- Hear student grievances.
- Follow-up on the progress of implementation and faculty participation in the test preparation bank proposal endorsed by the SLC last AY.
- Follow-up with Associate Dean G.L. Black on the transition from the Psychological Counseling Center (PCC) to the Student Care Network.
 - Support/recommend communication outlets for faculty and staff.
- Annual update from Greek Life Leadership.
 - Consider the alignment of a timeline for the update of data gathered by Greek Life Leadership.
 - Greek leaders will report to the SLC in September 2020.

SLC new charges were highlighted:

- Explore opportunities to address graduate and professional student life.
- Faculty involvement in the residential life of students.
 - Generate a progress report on the Graduate Student Neighborhood and potential faculty involvement.
 - Generate a progress report on Residential Colleges and potential faculty involvement.

A Senator commented that according to a *Hustler* article, Greek membership on campus has hit a historic low and commented that decline in membership may be because VU is successful at providing alternatives.

A Senator commented that the test bank conversation needed to be revisited and more information is needed.

A Senator commented that reshaping the conversation with faculty input may be warranted.

Chair McLean called for a report from the Faculty Life Committee (FLC) Chair Paul Laibinis. FLC charges are:

- Interface with Provost's Status of Women Initiative (WAVE) and DEI.
- Work with SLC on faculty involvement in student residential life.
- Consider types of programming for the Faculty Commons.
- Identify approaches to increase civility, respect, and communication.
- Align the goals of Chancellor/Provost/University & Senate committees.
- Communicate with HR and University Committees on Benefits and Parking/Traffic.
 - Reduction of access to the athletics facility for children under 12 years of age.

The FLC is dedicated to promoting civility, respect, and communication.

Chair McLean proceeded to the next item of business.

Old Business

Chair McLean called for Senate Affairs Committee (SAC) Chair Dawn Iacobucci.

The SAC put forth the following 2 motions for votes. The first motion was amended as the result of the discussion during the September 12 Senate meeting.

Motion 1: Senate Affairs Committee Amendment to the Rules of Order

The Senate Affairs Committee wishes to amend the base Motion presented during the September 12, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.

Motion 1: Senate Affairs Committee Amendment to the Rules of Order

- Whereas, the Rules of Order does not allow sufficient time for the Executive Committee or Senators to review motions prior to upcoming meetings, the Senate Affairs Committee proposes revising the Rules of Order, Section III. D. as follows,

- Whereas, the Rules of Order needs to be consistent and the 2019 revision to Rules of Order Section VIII. B. requires Senators to work through the Executive Committee to communicate with the Senate Membership,

Be it resolved that the Senate Affairs Committee revise the Rules of Order, Section III. D. as follows:

Rules of Order

III. Rules of Procedure

D. Motions Under New Business¹

- ~~1. No motion shall be voted under the heading of New Business unless it has been received by the members of the Senate in writing at least three days before the meeting at which it is to be submitted.~~
1. A Senators **or Standing Committee** wishing to move under New Business shall communicate their proposed motions in writing to the Vice Chair of the Senate not less than ~~eight~~ 14 calendar days before the meeting at which the motion is to be made. **The Executive Committee may provide a consultative role to the proposing Senator(s) to facilitate preparing the motion for presentation and debate.** It shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chair of the Senate to communicate the proposed motion to the Senate membership **at least 7 calendar days before the meeting at which it is to be proposed.** ~~However, any Senator who so desires may communicate a proposed motion directly to the Senate membership.~~
2. A Senator **or Standing Committee** desiring to make a motion which has not complied with the notification requirements in the Faculty Senate Rules of Order, Article III., Section D. 1. above may do so as **“new business” from the floor of a Senate meeting upon recognition of the Chair**, but the vote may not be taken until a **subsequent voting meeting.** ~~held at least three calendar days after the meeting at which the motion is presented. A motion which does not comply with the notification requirements may be voted upon at the meeting at which it is presented only if this rule is suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.~~

Senate Affairs Committee

Dawn Iacobucci, Owen, Chair

Jeremy Wilson, Blair [Executive Committee Liaison]

Sari Acra, Medicine

David Cole, Peabody

Wonder Drake, Medicine

¹ <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/facultysenate/constitution-documents/rules-of-order.php#c>

Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, A&S

Gieri Simonett, A&S

Jason Valentine, Engineering

Chair McLean opened the floor for discussion.

Senators commented that:

- There still needs to be an avenue for Senators to bring issues directly to the body.
- If the EC forwards or postpones a motion, there should be a process for Senators to bring the motion to the Senate.
- There was a precedent for emails being sent without going through the proper process.
- Senators in the same college or on Standing Committees are free to gather information among themselves.
- Senators may still bring motions to the floor of a Senate meeting. The motion will be voted upon at the next voting meeting.
- It is important for Senators to retain the ability to bring things to the Senate.

The voting proceeded: Tally: 34 affirmative, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions.

Motion 2: Senate Affairs Committee Amendment to the Rules of Order

- Whereas, the Rules of Order characterizes the role of the Executive Committee more as a gatekeeper than facilitator,

Be it resolved that the Senate Affairs Committee revise the Rules of Order, Section IV. A. 3. as follows:

Rules of Order

IV. Committees

A. Standing Committees

3. The Executive Committee of the Senate will normally assign items to committees pursuant to the subject matter of the committee's charge. The Executive Committee may assign matters to any committee for its consideration in an effort to avoid an undue workload on any particular committee. The Executive Committee of the Senate may refer items to ad hoc committees named for the immediate purpose when those items do not fall within the charge of a standing Senate committee or when directed to do so by Senate resolution.

[The Executive Committee will facilitate communications for committee or Senator concerns that do not fall within their committee charges. The Executive Committee may help, direct, or forward communications of concern to standing or ad hoc committees.](#)

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Chair McLean opened the floor for discussion.

There was no discussion and no debate.

The voting proceeded: Tally: 34 affirmative, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

Chair McLean proceeded to the next item of business.

New Business

There was no new business from the EC.

Chair McLean proceeded to the next item of business.

Scheduled Speaker

Vanessa Beasley, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & Dean of Residential Faculty
Associate Professor, Communication Studies

Residential Colleges: A Vision of the Future

Decades of Planning & Implementing for Centuries of Impact

2002 Academic Strategic Plan

“We recommend... a system of residential colleges, where students and faculty from across the university live together in social, academic and co-curricular communities.”

2014 Academic Strategic Plan

“[We must] enrich the educational experience by completing and extending the residential college system and developing new infrastructure to foster further interconnections between discovery and learning.”

Residential College Timeline

- Aug. 2008 Commons opens
- Aug. 2014 Warren & Moore Colleges open
- Dec. 2017 RC–A begins
- Aug. 2018 E. Bronson Ingram College opens
- Aug. 2018 Plan for RC–B begins
- May 2020 RC–A completed | Plan for RC–C begins
- Jul. 2022 Plan for RC–B completed
- Jul. 2023 Plan for RC–C completed

Why Residential Colleges?

- Three Broad Goals
 - Community Building
 - Faculty Engagement
 - Connections to Campus Resources

Spaces

Engagement Baked into the Design

- Key Features
 - Dining
 - Class space
 - Living room
 - Lounges
 - Art galleries
 - Great room/library
 - Meeting space
 - Study room
 - Performance space
 - Exercise spaces

People

Faculty Heads of House

- They serve as a faculty mentor, role model, and guide who shapes the living and learning community of the house.

Program: Campus Partners

Meeting Students Where They Are:

The Wond'ry ▪ Immersions Vanderbilt ▪ Vanderbilt University Career Center

- Pop-up events
- Workshops
- On-site office hours
- Invited speakers

What's Ahead

- Focus on the second-year experience
- Applying principles beyond the RCs
- Visiting fellows and guests
- Graduate and professional student engagement
- Experiential Learning

A 2006 Faculty Senate report on the Freshmen Commons may lend some insight into residential colleges. Sexual assault, bystander intervention, and intervention for mental health are all concerns that receive Vice Provost Beasley's focus.

Each residential college is a microcosm of learning. Vice Provost Beasley's job is to ensure that faculty are able to do their FT jobs and spend time with students and salons once a month. VU is now an inclusive community that it was not when she attended as a student. Faculty engagement is important and distinguishes VU from our peers. There are funds in the budget for dinner with guest speakers and students. The spaces are beautiful. Ingram has an art gallery and the spaces offer vast resources for students. Vanderbilt should be transformative for our community.

Good of the Senate

Chair McLean thanked the body for signing in at every meeting.

The next Senate meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019, from 4:10 – 5:30 pm is for Voting Members only.

Chair McLean proceeded to the next item of business.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Algood
Vice Chair