

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs Minutes
February 8, 2017
1:30 p.m.
2317 North End Center

Present: Janice Austin, John Benner, Allen Campbell, Mary Christian, Monika Lawless, Kirk Wehner, Laurie Brogdon, Sandra Muse, Margaret Radcliffe, Mary Norris, Ross Verbrugge

Absent: Amy Hogan (with notice), Sue Teel (with notice), Laura Neff-Henderson, Randy Penson, Jacob Frey, Alex Fritz, Alan Grant, Jim Reinhard, Lujean Baab, David Close, Alicia Cohen, Debbie Greer, Nancy Dudek (with notice); Kelly Rawlings

Guests: Ellington Graves

Mr. Verbrugge called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. A quorum was present.

Presentation

Dr. Ellington Graves gave a presentation regarding the proposed revision to the Pathways General Education Curriculum, particularly with respect to the issue of a critical analysis of identity and equity in the United States and the learning indicators that courses will be required to meet.

Old Business

Survey Questions

The formulation of the survey questions is still in process.

New Business

Mr. Verbrugge presented a draft of a resolution regarding the establishment of a university ombuds office at the university. This resolution expresses the commission's support of such an office and will be presented for a first reading at the next CAPFA meeting.

Commission reports:

- **Transportation and Parking Committee:** No update.
- **Commission on Undergraduate Studies & Policies:** No update.
- **Commission on Faculty Affairs:** No meeting since last CAPFA meeting, so no update.
- **Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity:** Ms. Muse discussed the following issues: the equity workgroup regarding women's compensation, the gender identity workgroup, the discussion on the Pathways Curriculum proposed revision, and the current climate at the university in terms of the DREAM Act and national politics.
- **Staff Senate:** No update.

- **Graduate Student Assembly:** Ms. Norris gave an update on the new SGA President and on Dean DePauw expressing support for VT students affected by the recent travel ban.
- **University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning:** No update.
- **Student Government Association:** No update.
- **Commission on Research:** No update.
- **Commission on Student Affairs:** No update.
- **Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs:** Ms. Radcliffe discussed the recent approval of the amendment to the Staff Senate charter.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.