

Minutes
Commission on Faculty Affairs
November 6, 2020
Meeting Held Electronically 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Present: M. Abbas (Faculty Senate), S. Barrett (Faculty Senate), R. Blythe (Dean), J. Finney (Provost, ex officio), D. Givens (Dean), J. Hawdon (Faculty Senate), B. Hicok (Chair), A. Nelson (Faculty Senate), T. Schenk (Faculty Senate), A. Shew (Faculty Senate), C. Thompson (Graduate Student Assembly), R. Weiss (Faculty Senate)

Vacancy: SGA

Members Absent: A. Bond (CAPFA), D. C. Myers (Faculty Senate), R. Sebek (Staff Senate)

Guests: L. Miner (OVPRI), A. Myers (Governance), E. Plummer (Provost)

1. **Approval of Agenda.** Members of the commission unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Members of the commission unanimously approved the minutes of the October 23, 2020 meeting.
3. **First Reading. Resolution CFA 2020-21D to Clarify Probationary Reappointment Language in the Faculty Handbook.** Commission members discussed the suggested revisions to the faculty handbook regarding the processes for approving reappointment for faculty on the tenure track. Clarification of promotion and tenure processes are in resolution xxxxx to chapter three of the handbook include clarifications
4. **First Reading. Resolution CFA 2020-21C, CAPFA 202-21x, CSPA 2020-21x, and CSA 2020-21x: Joint Resolution to Revise Shared Governance at Virginia Tech Discussion of Revision to Shared Governance Proposal.** The current goal is to agree that the proposed governance structure is acceptable for implementation. Process details will be addressed with appropriate groups and brought through governance for review and approval.
5. **Other Business.** Commission members discussed reactions to the provost's recent messages regarding increasing in-classroom instruction and to acknowledge that faculty desire to be in the classroom when it is possible to ensure safety. The discussion also acknowledged the pressures that graduate assistants and contingent faculty perceive to be in the classroom.
6. **Adjourn.** There be no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Next meeting is November 20, 2020 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.