

University Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2016

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm by Chair, Anand Rao.

Members Present: Margaret Ray (CAS), Marie Wellington (CAS), Janine Davis – by proxy (COE), John Broome (COE), Deb O’Dell – by proxy (CAS), Chuck Whipkey (CAS), Paul Fallon (CAS), Rosalyn Cooperman (CAS), David Rettinger (CAS). Gregg Stull (at-large), Anand Rao (at-large); Kristin Marsh (at-large), Ken Machande (COB), Leigh Frackelton (COB), Dave Henderson (COB), David Ambuel (CAS),

Members, ex-officio: Jonathan Levin (Provost)

Members Absent: Rick Hurley (President), Jonathan Levin (Provost), Alex Obolensky (SGA Representative), Kurt Glaeser (CAS), Marie Scheckels (COE)

Others in attendance: Richard Finkelstein (CAS), Nina Mikhalevsky (CoE), Lynne Richardson (CoB), John Morello (Provost), Jeff McClurken (CAS), Sarah Morealli (CAS), Belleh Fontem (CoB), Mellissa Jones (Student Life), Kelly Shannon (Student Life)

II. The Chair moved to accept the minutes of the February 24 and March 30 UFC meetings, which were accepted unanimously.

III. The Provost reported that he met with representatives of the P&T committees of the three colleges to discuss external letters for promotion and tenure. HE states there is a strong feeling in all three colleges that any change in P&T requirements should be driven from the faculty, but he intends to broaden the discussion with more members (current and past) of P&T committees.

IV. A guest report on Campus Recreation was made by Melissa Jones and Kelly Shannon. Campus Recreation is investigating whether to offer more times and services in their offerings to entice faculty to use their facilities more. The expanded offerings would come with a price.

V. The Chair reported on the Faculty Senate of Virginia meeting that was held at Longwood on April 16. He said the senate supported increased lobbying efforts for higher education to influence lawmakers in Richmond. He also reported that he was elected to be the President of the Faculty Senate for Virginia for next year, and Suzanne Sumner was elected Treasurer.

VI. Chair moved to accept the minutes of University level Committees and all curricular items presented on the agenda, which were available for review in advance of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business. Rosalynn Cooperman presented an overview of the Faculty Morale Survey.

A lively discussion on Distance and Blended Learning courses transpired. Faculty has concerns as to whether we should plunge into the distance learning environment, and if we do, at what pace should we proceed. Costs in many area are of considerable concern. The UFC will develop a statement that represents our concerns which we hope to pass to the BOV prior to their summer meeting. This statement will be voted on during the UFC organizational meeting in May, which is an unusual action.

VIII. New Business. The chair called the question to pass a motion to change the SAT requirements as proposed by UAAC. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.

The next meeting of the UFC is to be announced.