

UFC Meeting Agenda – April 15, 2019

Digital Auditorium 3:30-5:30pm

I. Call to Order

II. Previous Meeting Minutes: March 27 [minutes](#)

III. Reports

1. President Paino
2. Provost Mikhalevsky
3. College Deans
 1. Dean Mellinger (CAS)
 2. Dean Kelly (COE)
 3. Dean Richardson (COB)
4. SGA Representative's Report
5. SAC Representative's Report
6. UFC Chair – no written report.
7. UFC Vice Chair
8. Faculty Senate of Virginia
9. University Committees – minutes, reports, and action items
 1. University Academic Affairs Committee
 1. Draft [Minutes](#) April 3 – are available but will not be voted on – *discussion of the action items listed here:*
 2. **Unfinished business** [Action Item](#): a revision to the attendance and absences policy
 3. [Action Item](#): a revision to the test optional policy
 4. [Recommendation](#): not to modify commencement
 5. [Information](#) regarding graduate commencement – *the committee felt that they didn't have enough information to recommend any change; some background is included here to explain the alternate concept of a hooding ceremony*
 2. University Budget Advisory Committee: **none**
 3. University Curriculum Committee: **none**
 4. University Faculty Affairs Committee:
 1. [Minutes](#) March 15 – *discussion about annual evaluation & merit pay; college chair vs. associate dean; mentoring and pre-tenure review. To be considered next year: minority faculty on committees; evaluation of faculty with special assignments; language on termination for cause; process for administrative elimination of programs & faculty input on it.*
 2. [Minutes](#) April 3 – *discussion about annual evaluation & merit pay, to be continued in fall; tabled mentoring and minority*

faculty on committees; began discussion of evaluation of faculty with special assignments; next year expect revisions to Section 4 of handbook. New business on parking lot closures and ways to enact previously approved resolutions on adjuncts.

5. University Faculty Organization Committee:

1. [Minutes](#) Nov 8, 2018 – *regular business (committee placements); Mike Lapke’s class created a database for faculty assignments; discussion of report on survey of faculty committees and potential streamlining of governance.*
2. [Action Item](#) Contingent Faculty recommendation – *motion to include on UFC someone at the rank of Adjunct, Professional Development Adjunct or Visiting, as an at-large member, to be compensated monetarily.*
3. [Action Item](#) Teaching Center Advisory Committee recommendation – *revision of membership to reflect all three colleges; inclusion of charge to review grant proposals; creation of Teaching & Learning Roundtable to meet twice a semester, comprised of individuals representing various centers on campus.*
4. [Action Item](#) Honors Program Committee recommendation – *withdrawn pending more changes and due to the fact that it is too late to make Handbook changes at this time.*

6. University General Education Committee:

1. [Minutes](#) March 11– *some regular business; discussion of curriculum proposal*
2. [Minutes](#) March 13 – *discussion of curriculum proposal*
3. [Minutes](#) March 18 – *discussion of curriculum proposal*
4. [Report](#): an outline of the implementation plan for gen ed curriculum.
5. New General Education [Curriculum](#), adopted 4/3/19

7. University Sabbaticals, Fellowships & Faculty Awards Committee

1. Draft [Minutes](#) Jan 18 are available but will not be voted on – *regular business*

8. University Student Affairs & Campus Life Advisory Committee:

1. Draft [Minutes](#) March 20 – *visit from Office of Disability Resources personnel to learn about their mission and services.*

9. Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) Committee: **none**

10. Distance and Blended Learning Committee: **none**

11. First Year Seminar Committee: **none**

12. Honors Program Committee:

1. [Action Item](#) March 27 – *regular business*
13. James Farmer Multicultural Center Advisory Committee:
 1. Draft [Minutes](#) March 27 – *updates on various initiatives, preparation for future events, including multicultural fair (30th anniversary in 2020), 100th birthday of James Farmer Jr., social justice initiative, diversity workshops, updates on RISE peer mentoring and Giving Day and sub-committee on President’s vision.*
 2. [Programming report](#) March – *Women’s History Month*
 3. [Minutes](#) Feb 6 – *update on cultural programming and social justice initiatives; RISE peer mentoring program; Giving Day; Rappahannock Arts Community; President Paino’s strategic vision goal to increase diversity and inclusivity.*
14. Journalism Advisory Committee:
 1. [Minutes](#) Feb 19 – *response to Assistant Attorney General; activities for next year*
 2. [Minutes](#) Feb 26 – *finalized response and policy statement*
 3. [Minutes](#) April 3 – *motion for UFC*
 4. [Action Item](#) April 3 – *support for current level of funding for the Blue & Gray Press*
 5. [Minutes](#) April 11 – *reviewed and approved suggestions from the Provost; staff of the Blue & Gray Press approved the section on Student Journalists.*
 6. **Unfinished Business:** *motion to approve the revised “[Blue & Gray Press Statement of Policy](#)”*
15. Speaking Intensive Committee: **none**
16. Teaching Center Advisory Committee
 1. Draft [Minutes](#) Nov 26 – *are available but will not be voted on – continued discussion of new teaching center; potential change to composition of committee*
17. Writing Intensive Committee: **none**

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Journalism Advisory Committee: a revised “[Blue & Gray Press Statement of Policy](#)”
2. Gen Ed follow up:
 1. Recommendation to include P/F option for general education courses – shall we ask UAAC to consider this next year?
 2. Recommendation to create a sophomore seminar – who should consider this? Perhaps a new working group?

3. Support for Gen Ed Committee to work with department chairs so as to designate current Gen Ed courses taught in 2019-2020 to count in the new Gen Ed curriculum (i.e. ‘grandfather’ courses taught in the coming year to count in both Gen Ed frameworks, so easing the transition)
3. University Academic Affairs Committee
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4. Regalia petitions – the Provost assures UFC that, with no change to allowed commencement regalia, appeals will be made; [this motion](#) suggests a committee
5. University Budget Advisory Committee – motion to replace UBAC with an Executive Committee

V. New Business

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3. Honors Program Committee [Action Item](#) March 27 – *regular business*
4. Journalism Advisory Committee [Action Item](#) April 3 – *support for current level of funding for the Blue & Gray Press*

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

Next meeting: General Faculty Meeting, April 24, 4:00 pm, Dodd Auditorium,
George Washington Hall.