

## Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

March 20, 2019

Bonnie Combo Room

**Members Present:** Scott Bennett, Sandra Bond, Mike Chamberlain, Ashlee Claud, Max Esterhuizen, Alix Guynn, Gwen Houston, Kay Johnson, Erik Lovik, Albert Mah, Amber Smith, Susan Trageser (Cabinet Liaison), Jessica Twiest

**Members Absent:** Emily Ewoldt, Michele Hosey, Shannon Phillips, Ryan Weatherford, David Wheeler

**Guests:** None

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm by President Ashlee Claud.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from February 13, 2019 were reviewed and approved.
3. **Guest Speaker:** David Horton, Radford City Mayor. David talked briefly about Radford and Radford University, but focused on a dialogue with the senators.
  - David is a longtime Highlander, starting at WVRU in 1984, and an alumnus of the Class of 1990. Radford is revitalizing the community, and making it a place where people want to spend their time and take it to the next level. The Main Street Program is a new program working on engaging the city and university communities to enhance the downtown district.
  - **Q&A and Dialogue with Mayor Horton:**
  - **Food City.** The Food City will be in the Tall Oaks Crossing shopping center at Tyler Avenue & Rock Road. Allotted space is 53,000 square feet, and this will be a higher end Food City that includes a coffee shop. The goal is to have additional parcels in the shopping center for restaurants and other businesses. The grocery store is projected to be completed in December 2019.
  - **Discussion of East & West Radford.** Former foundry worker houses are being renovated for Faculty.
  - **Other side of Rock Road.** This may be office space. 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs are crucial, and we need to make sure Radford has amenities to attract the workforce.
  - **Road between 11 (Harvey Center Ranch & High Meadows) and Auburn Ave.** This is still in the works, but all of the funding is not yet available.
  - **Housing Study.** Radford is looking at housing need, including development and redevelopment. The study, which will be halfway through this fall, will give guidance on going forward.
  - **Old Arby's.** It will be the Doghouse from Pulaski County, with breakfast, hotdogs, etc. There will be something in the old River City Grill place too.
  - **Unemployment building.** That could be an incubator, etc. We need an innovation space.
  - **Future swimming pool.** Vice Mayor (Dr. Richard Harshberger) is looking at options for building and maintaining a swimming pool, including whether partnerships are possible. It would be about 5 to 10 cents increase on real estate taxes just to run it, which is not feasible right now.

- **Parking.** There is not a lack of parking, but there is a proximity problem. Parking garages are very expensive. Self-driving cars may change the equation. Radford has looked at pay parking and increased enforcement, but doesn't want to kill business.
  - **Any talk of putting in a walking bridge from campus to Dedmon?** All of these things are pricy, and depend on whether we want to invest in it. This is more of a university than a city issue. It may be better to pay for taxi service or tweak Radford Transit routes.
  - **Events.** The Farmer's Market is doing gangbusters, but won't be able to use the Wades parking lot. A performance center, like the Harvester, is a driver and makes a lot of sense in the NRV, but it takes a special person to lead the effort. What is hurting us is January, and June through August; businesses don't know how to make money those months. The Food Truck Rodeo will be held again, and a new Young Professionals Group is coming up with ideas for events.
  - **Convocation Center suggestion.** That could be a University/City partnership.
  - **Downtown/Properties.** Challenges include that people want to chop up buildings to make into apartments, or hold onto properties unless they sell them at a huge cost. The city is experimenting making a homier experience for students and others, such as adding art to the former Carson's Drug Store.
  - **Nightlife.** Radford needs more lounges, etc. SugaPies has done a bunch of things to get people there.
  - **Service Projects.** A service project list is being put together. Radford encourages Adopt-A-Spot to clean up places and note repairs needed. The AP Senate could sponsor a spot. Get communities involved in service projects? Getting a service project list together.
  - **City's reaction to moving Highlanders Festival back to campus?** Generally positive. It is within walking distance of the downtown, and it is hard to get in and out of Bissett Park. The 2019 festival is scheduled during Fall break – that's not a good date.
4. **Update: Status of Parental Leave Motion** – According to Susan Trageser, the motion has gone to the Cabinet. Both the Faculty and AP Faculty motions will go to Budget & Finance to review financial considerations, then go back to the Cabinet for further considerations. Unlike the AP Faculty Senate Motion, the Faculty Senate motion was an amendment to the Faculty Handbook, but they do not accrue leave like AP Faculty. After some discussion, Ashlee will get consult with HR and reconvene the Parental Leave subgroup with Max and Amber to discuss whether to amend the AP Faculty motion.
  5. **Upcoming Elections** – A call for nominations for AP Faculty Senate will be sent out. You can nominate yourself or others in your division.
  6. **Upcoming Events**
    - Halfway There, April 8.
    - Native American Heritage Festival, April 13.
    - Earth Day Festival, April 20.
    - Food Truck Rodeo. Saturday, April 27. Volunteers are needed.
  7. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:32.
  8. **Future Meetings**
    - April 10, 2019
    - May 8, 2019
    - June 12, 2019