Faculty Assembly Meeting
MINUTES
October 3, 2019

1. Call to Order – Sharon Edwards

Sharon welcomed all faculty to the meeting and thanked the math cluster for providing lunch.

2. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted, and copies were available at the meeting.

3. Treasurer’s Report – Ellen Oliver

The balance in the treasury is $1216.27 as of September 30, 2019. Copies of the Treasurer’s Report were available at the meeting. Ellen is taking dues payments ($10/member for full time, $5/member for part-time) and Support Staff Luncheon donations ($20/member suggested). Feel free to leave your payments in her mailbox and she will get you a receipt.

4. Southwest Virginia Regional Resource Center PD – Paige Cash & Heidi Morehead

This used to be called the Regional Center for Teaching Excellence but they have changed the name. If you have any ideas for professional development workshops that we could host on our campus, please let Paige or Heidi know. They want to hold two more events this year, fall or spring. You could offer to present something you’re working on for New Horizons, for example. An idea was raised to come up with a workshop to look at and promote community-building; Paige and Heidi will look into it. It could be held during our January in-service time.

5. Proposed 2020-21 Academic Calendar – Sharon Edwards

Sharon reported that the faculty suggestion to change the start/end dates of the Summer 2021 semester was accepted by the committee. The summer semester will begin on May 20 and end on July 30.

6. Faculty Awards & Nominations – Sharon Edwards

Sharon lamented that NRCC faculty are not being recognized system-wide as much as deserved, and opened a discussion about faculty focusing more on supporting the nominations of our faculty for SCHEV and VCCS awards going forward. The application process can be rigorous, and we could start now looking for nominees for next year and supporting them with submitting their applications for these awards.

7. Additional Items:

- Brian Clark reminded faculty to wear their “colors” on Friday, October 11. This will help focus attention on the PTK-sponsored Campus Tour to Radford University on October 17. Please wear apparel from your alma mater on October 11, and take a moment to tell your students about your school or academic path.
- Caroline Abbott reported on Follett’s efforts to work with the VCCS to connect tuition payment with book purchases so the students can make one transaction to register for and obtain course materials needed for a course. The book would be an e-book, available to students via Canvas. NRCC will be piloting this program with PSY 200 in the Spring of 2020.
- Heidi Morehead reported that we are focusing on the Professional Readiness competency by piloting in Fall of 2020 a method to track incidences of academic integrity breaches (cheating, plagiarism, etc.). We currently have nothing in place to track this. We discussed the pros and cons of having some sort of “academic integrity” flag in CLAS. Megan Doney is writing a grant around institutional responsibility to
teach correct citations, and Jutta Green is heading up the workgroup that is focused on writing and measuring this competency.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Oliver, Secretary