

From: Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary
To: Faculty and Staff

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting held on 26 September 2017 at 5 PM in Robert Scott Small 235. This meeting was rescheduled from September 12 due to Hurricane Irma. Full minutes to follow.

Speaker Liz Jurisich called the Senate to order at 5:04 PM and adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Reports

Speaker Jurisich gave a brief report and is looking forward to working with everyone. She noted that the Senate website is being updated.

Provost Brian McGee welcomed those in attendance and thanked the campus community for the safe and orderly closure and a timely and quick return to campus after the closure due to Hurricane Irma. Provost McGee spoke of:

- campus safety preparedness for parades and events, and affirmed the College's commitment to protect all members of the community with the help of public safety, state and city law enforcement, and College leadership.
- changes to DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status and how that affects our students. He stated that the College will obey the law, but hope and advocate for DACA students. Legal review is ongoing.
- revised Academic Calendar. He urged everyone to use the makeup days, if scheduled, please try to use them, mindful of wasting resources. He reiterated we will use Saturdays and Sundays equally, mindful of different religious views.
- personnel changes; Paul Patrick is now Executive Vice President for Business Affairs; upcoming searches for Physical Plant leader and upcoming searches and decisions for LCWA and Graduate Deans.
- changing enrollment patterns will result in new strategies and will have implications for budget and staff.

The Provost accepted questions which will appear in the minutes.

Richard Nunan, Chair of Committee on By-Laws and Faculty/Administration Manual gave a report on changes to the 2017-18 FAM and on needing more discussion on a few of the items addressed by last year's Ad Hoc Committee on Hearings. A summary is included in his [Cover letter](#) (doc) and in the [Change Log](#), FAM Changes 2017-18 (pdf).

There was no Old Business.

New Business

- Election of Speaker Pro Tempore. Irina Gigova was nominated and elected.
- Senator Irina Gigova (at-large, HSS) brought a Motion to [Initiate Conversation about Institutional Identity and Vision](#) (doc). After discussion, the Motion carried.
[for information purposes, provided is a link to [2006 College Identity Discussion](#)]
- Faculty Curriculum Committee (Gayle Goudy and Chad Galuska, Co-Chairs)
Change- [Urban Studies concentration in Sustainable Urbanism](#) (pdf)
All curriculum approved.

Constituent's general concerns

Robert Frash (Senator, Business), brought up the active shooter at Virginia's on King and asked if there was a plan beyond Run, Hide, Fight. The Provost mentioned emergency procedure cards posted in every classroom (if your classroom does not have one, please report it to Academic Affairs). The Provost stated that if the Senate desires, we will have a more thorough briefing.