National Capital Region Faculty Association Meeting
Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Present:  
Northern Virginia Center (Room 401) – Glenn Moglen, President; Adil Godrej, Past-President; Pam Brott, Secretary; Sherry Fontaine, Director NVC  
Alexandria – Nick Stone; Kitty Hancock  
by phone – Barbara Hoopes

Call to order:  2:05 p.m. by Glenn Moglen, President NCRFA

1. **Introductions** – Individual introductions were made for those present at the Northern Virginia Center, Alexandria, and by phone/polycom.

2. **Minutes from October 6, 2010, accepted with corrections.**


4. **Space Policy**
   - Sherry provided an update on the space issue, an upcoming audit, and future decisions to be made about space.
   - **ACTION ITEM:** Glen will invite Ken Smith to join the NCRFA meeting December 1st to update us.

5. **Course sharing with George Mason University**
   - There was a scheduled meeting that was postponed to November 29 with Dr. Michelle Marks, Graduate Dean, George Mason University. Information from the meeting will be shared at the next NCRFA meeting on December 1st.
   - Sherry shared that (a) one stumbling block is funding, (b) Dean wants us to delineate courses, (c) need to work through the Deans’ Council, (d) GMU faculty may not offer evening courses, and (e) courses should be electives or those that enrich the student’s plan of study not duplicates of VT courses.
   - Discussion brought to light (a) the need for procedures on how to request courses be offered, (b) not to concentrate on VTEL delivery rather desktop (IP) delivery although this could bring up SACS accreditation issues, and (c) finding new technologies for course delivery.
   - **ACTION ITEM:** Glen will contact Deborah Goodings (Department of Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering), George Mason University.

6. **Other business**
   - New(er) technologies for distance education as upgrades for improved quality: (a) need to add more VBS as point-to-point, (b) do not have sufficient numbers for completely online courses, and (c) departmental hurdles with students located at NCR without a department at NCR are treated and counted as Blacksburg students.
   - **ACTION ITEM:** Glen will contact Ann Moore to explore new technologies.
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- Temporary housing for graduate students: furnished and short-term; used by students, Language Culture Institute, visiting faculty; all current options (e.g., Oakwood Apartments, Collegiate Housing, Homestay) are expensive. There is a demand but need to know if students are interested.

- **ACTION ITEM**: Item will be placed on web site about housing; follow-up on students’ needs; talk with Andrea (LCI).

- **ACTION ITEM**: Glen will invite Provost McNamee to February meeting.

7. **Next meeting**: Wednesday, December 1, at 2:00 p.m.

8. **Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.** – moved by Adil and seconded by Sherry.