National Capital Region Faculty Association Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Present: Northern Virginia Center (Room 401) – Glenn Moglen, President; Adil Godrej, Past-President; Pam Brott, Secretary; Shinya Kikuchi; Melony Price-Rhodes; Nick Stone; Sherry Fontaine, Director NVC
Alexandria – Kitty Hancock
by phone – Henry Hollander
by polycom from Blacksburg – Ken Smith, Associate Provost for Resource Management and Planning

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 and polycom.


3. Treasurer’s report – accepted with current balance $276.51 in NCRFA account.

4. Ken Smith – Space Policy
   - Ken provided updates since last time he met with NCRFA (10/6/2010). Space issues are included in conversations with Deans and shared with Provost. Jack Finney has been open to conversations. There will be a meeting this winter in Northern Virginia. Ken signed off at 2:35 p.m.
   - Conversation on space policy continued with members present. Space for adjuncts is a concern regarding space policy. The Language and Culture Institute (LCI) has had an impact on space at the NVC.

5. Course sharing with George Mason University
   - Glenn and Sherry met with Michelle Marks, Associate Provost, Graduate Education at GMU; she asked “what is VT seeking?” When we know more we can let Michelle know. Glenn shared list of courses: 80% from GMU and 20% (10 courses) from NCR; mostly engineering courses. We need a more formal request; Michelle will be the facilitator for whom we speak with at GMU.
   - Sherry suggested we develop a list of courses and do a “trial run” with engineering. Seems what we need is a cross-listing with VT courses so students pay VT tuition; international students are paying out-of-state tuition. There are also visa limitations for international students taking courses at other institutions. This may need to be department by department.
   - Further questions and thoughts were discussed: Can this be modeled from the Consortium? What will be our starting point? What are the advantages for GMU? What is the impact of students taking courses elsewhere? Can this help grow our Ph.D. programs? Are other universities doing this? Students need both courses and faculty members for committees.
ACTIONS ITEM: Sherry will talk with Program Directors; Glen will talk with Deborah Goodings (Chair of the Department of Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering) at GMU about receptiveness to collaborating.

6. Date for Provost Visit to NCR
   ○ ACTION ITEM: Glenn will secure a date as either February 2 or March 2.

7. Alternate teaching technologies – table

8. New Business
   ○ Nick – Senior management research and how we support research. How to share space (NVC with instruction, Ballston with research)? Need a forum for discussion. Should there be a committee or commission through the NCRFA? Use of virtual server for online collaboration; use of Scholar. Utilize VT alumni in Northern Virginia.
   ○ Adil – we have the Research Consortium site that was set up by Gabriella Belli and Bill Frakes.
   ○ MOTION: Nick to pursue ideas regarding a faculty level initiative for a research advisory group. Motion by Pam and seconded by Melony: PASSED

9. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 2, at 2:00 p.m.

10. Adjourned at 3:30 p.m. – moved by Kitty and seconded by Nick: PASSED