MEETING MINUTES  
UVA Faculty Senate  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Harrison Institute and Small Special Collections Library

Meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m.

Welcome, Introduction and Approval of Minutes — Nina Solenski, Chair
- Dr. Solenski presented minutes from the previous four Faculty Senate meetings—April 15, May 7, September 14, and October 26—for approval.
  - **VOTE:** Senate unanimously approved the minutes.

Remarks by Thomas C. Katsouleas, Executive Vice President and Provost
- The Provost provided the Senate with the following updates:
  - The call for proposals for the next pan-University institute garnered 24 letters of intent, all of which met the core requirements for consideration. The Provost is convening a team to determine how to review the proposals and determine finalists.
  - A search for the new Vice President for Research is underway. The search committee is led by Richard P. Shannon, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs.
  - In the spring semester, the University will host a charrette [intense planning session] on its culture and environment. The Provost noted this effort will bring together about 150 people from across the University to discuss, among other topics, how to foster a welcoming and inclusive campus.
- The Provost fielded questions from the Senate—including those about the upcoming charrette, the most recent Board of Visitors meeting, and the University’s new financial model.

Presentation from United For Undergraduate Socioeconomic Diversity — Abby Ng and Santiago Naranjo
- Ms. Ng and Mr. Naranjo gave a presentation on the mission of UFUSED, the events its sponsors, and the resources it provides students.
- Mr. Naranjo noted that UFUSED is looking to partner with faculty on an initiative to mentor students who are first-generation college attendees. He outlined various ways that faculty can get involved—from luncheons and coffee gathers to speaker events and panel discussion.
• Ms. Ng and Mr. Naranjo fielded questions from the Senate—including those about the cost of textbooks, interview clothing, and the campus food closet for students.

Academic Affairs Committee Discussion and Vote — George Cohen, Committee Chair
• The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences proposed to create design integration minor.
  o VOTE: Senate unanimously approved the proposal.

Open Floor for Faculty Members
• Dr. Solenski noted that the By-Laws Task Force is still seeking suggestions (bylawssuggestions@virginia.edu) on how to improve the Senate’s Constitution and By-Laws.
• Dr. Solenski noted that Senator William Brady is the new Faculty Senate representative on the UVA Benefits Committee.
• Senators Robert Geraci and Michelle Kisliuk announced that they are gathering a group of individuals, outside of the Senate, to look at the University’s investment in fossil fuels and green energy.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.