

Closing Faculty Meeting  
Thursday, March 22, 2018  
3:30 PM, Blackwell Ballroom

Dr. Porter called the meeting to order at 3:38p.m. The minutes of the opening faculty meeting on August 18, 2017, were approved as posted.

Dr. Porter welcomed everyone and introduced herself. She then spoke about the proposed changes to the By-Laws of the LU Faculty Senate which need to be voted on by the general faculty. Proposed changes were voted on at the March Faculty Senate meeting. The proposal states the Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors shall be a tenured faculty member and be voted on at the spring general faculty meeting. The term shall be for two years with one re-election. The floor was opened to questions. The measure was approved unanimously.

The next change to the By-Laws refers to Article IV, section 1, wherein it states the chair and vice chair must be tenured faculty, and other members would preferably be tenured faculty. The floor was opened to questions. A vote was called. The measure was approved unanimously.

Dr. Porter called for the election of the Longwood Faculty Representative to the Faculty Senate of Virginia. The person elected to this position represents Longwood at the Virginia State Faculty Senate twice a year. Dr. Mary Carver's name was put forth for the nomination. Dr. Porter called for other nominations. There were none. A vote was called and Dr. Carver was elected unanimously.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Melissa Rhoten to report on the current state of the Core Curriculum. Dr. Rhoten thanked all faculty who worked on the Core Curriculum thus far. This year the core will focus on the foundation level of the core. Proposal reviews, catalog revisions, and course revisions were at the top of the agenda. Moving forward, the perspectives level will be paramount. The Teaching and Learning Institute scheduled for May 16 and 17, 2018, will focus on the core and is being organized by the Center for Faculty Enrichment. See the Core Curriculum web site for other important events about the core.

Dr. Porter introduced Dr. Lara Fergeson, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (AA). Dr. Fergeson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She talked about the Spring Symposium for Research and Creative Inquiry, April 24, 2018; campus searches taking place across campus; revamping the budgeting process; and other campus events. She will concentrate on the AA budget to ensure departments have adequate funding. Ms. Kim Wingo will assume the position of Interim Budget Director for AA. An assistant will be hired to fill her current role and support her in her new position. She also talked about the new coaching model that will replace the Longwood Seminar that seeks to help new students adjust to college life. Dr. Fergeson invited all to attend the reception for retiring faculty in the Mangan's Martinelli Board Room following this meeting.

Dr. Fergeson introduced President Reveley. He stated that he is looking positively towards next fall's enrollment, and that budgeting will work out well for the remainder of the fiscal year. He discussed the General Assembly and that the state budget has not yet been finalized. He also talked about possible salary increases which will need to be covered by Longwood. He requested submissions to name the Core Curriculum. There were few questions.

New business and announcements. Dr. Porter reported that there are now two speakers for the Symposium on April 24. Graduate students will also participate. A master schedule for the day will be posted on the Symposium website soon. Dean Roberts announced that David Austin, Harvard University, will discuss Intellectual Property Rights on Tuesday, March 27, 3:30 p.m., in Library 209. There will be a Healthcare Event April 10. Check LU News Articles for more information.

This is Dr. Sarah Porter's last term as Faculty Senate Chair. She was thanked by the faculty for her service.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Anderson