

**Opening Faculty Meeting
Friday, August 17, 2018
9:00am, Blackwell Ballroom**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am by Faculty Senate Chair Adam Franssen. He asked for all 2018-19 Senators to stand and be recognized. It was determined that a quorum of faculty was present.

The minutes of the Spring Faculty Meeting on March 22, 2018, were approved as submitted.

Jennifer Apperson was elected Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors for 2018-19.

Changes to the bylaws of the Longwood Faculty Senate were presented as follows:

1. Article XVI – Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors: the Faculty rep will be elected at the Spring Faculty Meeting, rather than the Opening meeting, and the term shall be two years instead of one. This change passed by acclamation.
2. Article IV – Officers: Change deputy vice chair to vice chair, and stipulate that the chair and vice chair must be tenured faculty, and the other members of the Executive Committee preferably will be tenured faculty. This change passed by acclamation.

Dr. Crystal Anderson, Director of the Office of Student Research, gave a report on the final year of Longwood's QEP. She also noted that she has changed offices in the Library and is now located in Greenwood 154.

Dr. Steven Isaac reported that the Faculty Status and Grievance Committee conducted no business in 2017-18. He will chair the committee again in 2018-19; other committee members are Jennifer Apperson (for whom CEHS will name a replacement since Dr Apperson has been elected Faculty Representative to the BOV). Lee Bidwell, Claire LaRoche, and Leigh Lunsford. Dr. Isaac encouraged the faculty to let new colleagues know about the FSGC's role as the liaison between faculty and administration.

Dr. Melissa Rhoten gave an update on the new core curriculum, Civitae, presenting a snapshot of freshman class (1,048 with fall schedules, most are taking 14-16 credits). Thirty-five (35) sections of CITZ 110 are being taught and most have 21 students. The Civitae Committee tried to stick with the course cap of 25 in pillar courses. For those who are teaching in the pillars, please try to engage students in creative inquiry, cultivate curiosity and develop foundational knowledge and skills, i.e., how to study in the courses, how to take notes, how to manage time. There are specific learning outcomes in ENGLISH 165 and CITZ 110

This year we will develop and approve Perspectives level courses (300 and 400 level courses). Students will take four courses total in Perspectives. Each course will have specific student learning outcomes and will be communications infused. There will be perspectives course development workshops this fall. The timeline is departmental approval by October 2, Dean approval mid-October, and forwarded to the committee for review by October 19.

The Civitae website on Solomon is being update regularly if you have further questions.

President Reveley gave his welcome remarks. He noted that Honors is welcoming the biggest freshman class ever (14% of freshman class). He remarked upon Vice President for Administration and Finance Ken Copeland's departure, and said we are beginning a wide-open, full-throttle search. In looking to the future he emphasized: (1) Civitae needs to be promoted as a remarkable accomplishment; (2) Our campus is beautiful and great attention is being paid to landscape architecture; (3) A new music building is in the works, as is expansion of Willett/Convocation Center; and (4) we have a great college town vibe.

We are working on developing stronger graduate programs, and increasing our focus on the transfer student population. Our endowment is close to 100 million dollars.

The President thanked Dr. Lissa Power-deFur for her service as faculty representative to the BOV, and Dr. Apperson for signing on. He expressed gratitude to Dr. Consuelo Alvarez for her service as Faculty Athletics Representative. She will become FAR emerita and pass the torch to Dr. Tim Coffey.

Finally, he thanked Dr. Larissa Smith-Ferguson for her service as interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and explained the process by which she was chosen to hold those jobs permanently.

Dr. Lee Bidwell asked what's being done to improve Longwood's bond rating. The President reported that Longwood's financial health is fine. State funding is stable, student revenue from enrollment is healthy, our philanthropic dollars are growing, and we've had better performance in obtaining federal grants. The bond rating is vexing, and conversations with Moody's continue.

Dr. Ferguson thanked the faculty for the honor and privilege of serving as PVPAA, and welcomed them to the academic year. She thanked the Core Curriculum Committee and EPC for their hard work in implementing Civitae. The co-teaching process will be worked out this year.

Incentives for 2018-19 include (1) collaboration with Student Affairs and Student Success focused on student well-being; (2) collaboration between undergraduate and graduate programs, and creating pathways from community colleges; (3) working with consultants on the Academic Space Improvement Plan; and (4) budget, compensation, and workload, adjust base budgeting, make department funding less dependent on soft dollars.

Dr. Ferguson thanked David Lehr for his service in Academic Affairs, and announced David Shoenthal's larger role as Associate Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The deans introduced their new faculty members.

Chris Swanson announced the faculty First Night concert on Monday and Blackwell Talks

The meeting adjourned at 10:47am.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Irish