

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Thursday, March 14, 2019, 3:30pm  
Maugans Martinelli Board Room

Dr. Adam Franssen called the meeting to order at 3:33pm and thanked Student Affairs for providing snacks.

The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. Ann Bailey	Dr. Chris Bjornsen
Dr. Ang Blanchette	Ms. Natalie Browning	Dr. Karla Collins	Mr. Ian Danielsen
Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs	Dr. Lara Ferguson	Dr. Alix Fink	Dr. Adam Franssen
Dr. Lily Goetz	Mr. Jeff Halliday	Mr. Carl Harvey	Ms. Parker Joyner
Dr. Connie Koski	Mrs. Claire LaRoche	Dr. Mary Lehman	Dr. David Lehr
Dr. Kat McClesky	Dr. Lisa Minor	Dr. Tim Pierson	Dr. Adam Paulek
Dr. Charles Repp	Mr. Brent Roberts	Ms. Cameron Roblewsky	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Steve Samaras	Dr. Leah Shilling	Dr. Robin Smith	Dr. Kristin Whitely

Also present were Dr. Cheryl Adkins (attending for Dr. O'Keefe), Mr. Josh Blakely, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Dr. Jennifer Green, Dr. Emily Heady, Ms. Susan Hines, Dr. Brandon Jackson, Dr. Julie Mersiowsky, Ms. Vicki Palmer, Mr. Brent Roberts, and Dr. David Shoenthal.

The minutes from the February 14 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Franssen called on Dr. Jennifer Green and Ms. Emily Heady to report on Student Success. An evaluation of student success was conducted that spanned the timeframe from high school to the 2018 fall semester for current Longwood students. The value of SAT scores and their impact on retention rates was discussed. Also discussed were deficits in current university students including increased mental health conditions, comprehension issues, and distractibility. There was an open discussion of current student attitudes and the new coaching and mentoring program, which seems to be improving outcomes. The upcoming Teaching & Learning Institute will look at ways to address these deficits. All are urged to contact Drs. Green and Heady for further information on the issue.

Dr. Franssen called on Dr. Bill Abrams to give the report on the EPC. The credit changes to NURS 491 and 492 were approved by acclamation. Also unanimously approved: moving Athletic Training to storage; adding one credit and removing the residency requirement to the MBA program; and granting Graduate Council's request to allow students to walk at commencement if outstanding classes can be registered for and taken in the summer.

Dr. Franssen called on Dr. Brandon Jackson for the report from the Academic Technology Advisory Committee. The continued use or abandonment of SCANTRON was discussed. The use of Canvas as a cost free alternative was suggested. Dr. Franssen encouraged all to talk with their departments to find the preferred choice of options.

Discussion of Inclement Weather Policy by Executive Committee as stated in the FPPM 2F. All are asked to canvas their departments to determine the impact to their faculty. After an open discussion most felt students should contact faculty instead of the burden being placed on faculty to contact students regarding closures.

Announcements and New Business: The library received a grant for the *NEA Big Read*, April 6, at the Farmville Community Marketplace on 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 11am to 1pm. There was a discussion on ECON 304 - *Calling Bullshit*, to the appropriateness of the course name for nursing students. Dr. Lehr cited the use of the name at other institutions, and Drs. Franssen and Abrams noted the title passed College Curriculum, EPC, and Senate and will remain as is. Distributed: Recital for Dr. Edwards-Burrs, Alicia Romeo, and Naima Burrs, March 17, 4:00pm, Molnar Hall, Wygal Hall.

Dr. Abrams moved to adjourn at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Anderson