

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 5, 2019, 3:30pm
Martinelli Board Room, Maugans Alumni Center

Dr. Chuck Ross called the meeting to order at 3:32pm and thanked the Cook-Cole College of Arts and Sciences for providing snacks.

The following members were present:

Dr. Ann Yoelin	Dr. Lee Bidwell	Ms. Natalie Browning	Dr. Bill Burger
Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. Paul Chapman	Dr. Jackie Daniel	Mr. Ian Danielsen
Mr. Donovan Douglas	Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs	Dr. Lily Goetz	Dr. Elif Guler
Mr. Jack Harmon	Dr. Brandon Jackson	Dr. David Lehr	Dr. Virginia Lewis
Dr. Kat McCleskey	Dr. Lisa Minor	Dr. Tim O'Keefe	Dr. Adam Paulek
Dr. JoEllen Pederson	Dr. Jeannine Perry	Dr. Tim Pierson	Dr. Tom PlaHovinsak
Dr. Charles Repp	Dr. Tim Ritzert	Mr. Brent Roberts	Dr. Chuck Ross
Dr. Steve Samaras	Dr. Leah Shilling-Stouffer	Dr. Larissa Smith	Dr. Ryan Stouffer
Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson	Dr. Kirstin Whitely	Teresa Irish, Recorder	

Also present were Dr. Bill Abrams, Mr. Josh Blakely, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Dr. Tim Coffey, Mr. Jason Faulk, Ms. Susan Hines, Ms. Victoria Kindon, and Dr. David Shoenthal.

Dr. Ross asked everyone to introduce themselves. He then spoke about the importance of Faculty Senate to shared governance. He hopes in 2019-2020 to do the Senate's business but also have discussions critical to the future of Longwood. He asked all senators to show up, do their best to read the agenda and its attachments prior to the meeting, and be a good communicator in relaying Senate information back to their departments.

The minutes from the April 25 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Ross said the response to his email asking senators to volunteer as Senate parliamentarian has been underwhelming. We need one before next our next meeting; if we don't have a volunteer, someone will be drafted. He emphasized two points from Roberts Rules of Order: (1) one must be recognized to have the floor, whomever is speaking has the floor, and decorum will be maintained; and (2) if a topic is being beleaguered, a senator may "call the question" (but may not interrupt the person who has the floor). A two-thirds vote on calling the question will stop the discussion.

Dr. Ross remarked that many Senate committees require student membership. An email to the chairs of those committees, encouraging the immediate selection of student members, will go out soon.

Vice President of Strategic Operations Victoria Kindon and Dean of Admissions Jason Faulk addressed Senate about enrollment strategies after an "eye opening cycle." Was it an anomaly or trend? Mr. Faulk believes it was a little of both because the landscape is changing so quickly. We know that retention begins with prospecting and we are focusing on getting more students to Lancer Summer Decision Days. At LSDD a student can get an admissions decision that day, and get scholarship money. About 80% who came to LSDD enrolled this fall.

We are also looking at ways to get the greatness of Longwood out to outlying areas. We are holding high school counselor preview days around the State.

Longwood's sweet spot kids include those who live within two to three hours from campus. We have planned 20-ish high school trips in that two hour radius, and those who participate are eligible for application fee waiver and admissions decision within three to seven days.

We are also going to the Common App, the benefits of which include a fully self-reported application (rather than having to wait for transcripts), and a Common App portal at many high schools.

Ms. Kindon spoke about cost of attendance, a Presidential initiative. We are looking closely at merit and financial aid to develop strategies for how much we offer and what it will cost. We plan to make public a chart of specifics: with a GPA of X, you are guaranteed to receive X amount of aid from Longwood. We will be putting scholarship offers in with acceptance letters, then awarding financial aid in January (many of our students get both). Then we will work with the budget office to project a take rate so that we know what it's costing to bring students in rather than getting into an arms race.

Dr. Ross asked if Virginia Tech has been chastised for being over-enrolled by 1,000 this year. Though it's a delicate subject, Larissa Smith says it has been discussed at SCHEV by presidents and provosts. We were impacted by the trickle down effect.

Lily Goetz asked for the characteristics of Longwood's sweet spot students. Mr. Faulk said we look at applicants on a holistic scale, but generally those students have a GPA of 3.25-3.75, their homes are two hours or less from campus, they have been active in community service in high school, and they have visited campus.

Lee Bidwell asked about strategies for the local area. Mr. Faulk said we are taking a more proactive stance in the eight county area (e.g. the AKA college boot camp) by bringing students to campus. You will be receiving an email from Johnice Brown requesting assistance during these campus visits.

Tim Coffey, Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), spoke about the role of the FAR and his desire to help faculty with any issues involving student-athletes and/or coaches. His [presentation](#) and an [information sheet for faculty](#) are on the Senate website.

Bill Abrams, chair of EPC, reminded senators that EPC is accepting no paper proposals. All must come through Curriculog, and you may find [instructions for Curriculog Originators](#) on the Senate website.

The first action item from EPC was the [Academic Forgiveness Policy](#), which has been modified to clarify that the student doesn't keep grade or credits. This is an undergraduate specific policy. After discussion the modified policy passed by acclamation.

Dr. Abrams asked senators to take the proposed [Add/Drop Policy](#) back to their departments to discuss. The charge from EPC to senators is to present the policy as EPC has written it for approval.

In new business Dr. Ross noted that the full senate is required to approve 2019-2020 committee assignments. Adam Paulek so moved, Leah Shilling-Stouffer seconded the motion, and committee assignments were approved

Lisa Minor reported that Longwood's BSN program is the top ranked program in Virginia and a top BSN program in the US. This ranking is based on our first-time NCLEX pass rate over the past several years and how well the students were prepared post-graduation.

Natalie Browning reported that September is Library Card Sign Up Month. Faculty, staff, and students use their Lancer Card as their library card, but community members can also apply for library cards at Greenwood Library. We also have a display in the library with applications for some local libraries. Greenwood Library is also undertaking a project called The Human Library, wherein faculty and staff may volunteer to be a "book" which may be checked out.

Josh Blakely reported that Brock Experience applications for the next cycle are due October 16. There will be a Lunch and Learn on how Brock Experiences may interact with Civitae on September 18 from 12-1 in the Dining Hall Annex.

Dr. Shilling-Stouffer moved to adjourn at 4:42pm. Bill Burger seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Irish