

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2020, 3:30pm
via Zoom

Dr. Chuck Ross called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. The following 2019-20 and 2020-21 members were on the call:

Dr. Kat Alves	Dr. Ann Bailey-Yoelin	Dr. Lee Bidwell
Dr. Bob Blaisdell	Ms. Natalie Browning	Dr. Bill Burger
Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. Scott Cook	Dr. Jackie Daniel
Mr. Ian Danielsen	Mr. Donovan Douglas	Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs
Dr. Alix Fink	Dr. Lily Goetz	Dr. Elif Guler
Mr. Carl Harvey	Dr. Will Holliday	Dr. Brandon Jackson
Dr. Christopher Labosier	Dr. Dina Leech	Dr. Mary Lehman
Dr. David Lehr	Ms. Madison Lewis	Dr. Virginia Lewis
Dr. Leigh Lunsford	Dr. Kat McCleskey	Dr. Pam McDermott
Dr. Lisa Minor	Dr. Kelly Nelson	Dr. Tim O'Keefe
Dr. Adam Paulek	Dr. JoEllen Pederson	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. Jill Perttula	Dr. Tom PlaHovinsak	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Charles Repp	Dr. Tim Ritzert	Mr. Brent Roberts
Dr. Chuck Ross	Dr. Steve Samaras	Dr. Leah Shilling-Stouffer
Dr. Larissa Smith	Dr. Robin Smith	Dr. Ryan Stouffer
Dr. Dorothy Suskind	Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson	Dr. Sarah Varela
Dr. Bennie Waller	Dr. Kirstin Whitely	Dr. Andrew Yeagley
Teresa Irish, Recorder		

Also present were Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. Kevin Doyle, Ms. Susan Hines, Ms. Vicki Palmer, Dr. David Shoenthal, Dr. Gena Southall, Sarah Reynolds, Dr. Brooke Mathna, Dr. Pam Tracy, Dr. Jonathan White, Mark Hamilton, Dr. Sarah Porter, Kathy Charleston, Dr. Sarai Blincoe, Dr. Deb Westin, Dr. Scott Grether, Dr. John Miller, and Jennifer Beach.

The minutes of the February 12, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Ross introduced incoming 2020-21 Senators, and recognized those departing Faculty Senate after the 2019-20 school year ([Incoming/Departing](#)).

Elections of the 2020-21 Faculty Senate Executive Committee commenced and continued throughout the meeting. After voting by only those who will be Senators as of July 1, 2020, the new Executive Committee is:

Chair:	JoEllen Pederson
Vice-Chair:	Pam McDermott
At-Large:	Bennie Waller (CBE), Ian Danielsen (CEHS), Bill Burger (CCCAS)

Dr. Ross congratulated those named and wished them success during their term.

A [report from the Faculty Status and Grievances Committee](#) was shown.

Lissa Power-deFur presented a [summary of the work of the Allied Health Task Force](#), and volunteered to meet with anyone who has questions or wants further details.

Larissa Smith presented a proposed [Addition to FPPM, Section III. W. Tenure \[Extension of Tenure Clock for COVID-19\]](#). After discussion, the proposal passed 25-0 via Zoom vote.

Dr. Smith presented a proposed revision to [FPPM Section III. F. and G., Program Coordinators and Graduate Program Directors](#), a carryover item from the cancelled March 12 Senate meeting. After discussion the proposal passed 27-0 via Zoom vote.

Gena Southall addressed a proposed revision to [FPPM Section VI. BB. Liberal Studies Committee](#), another carryover item from the cancelled March 12 Senate meeting. After discussion the proposal passed 26-0 via Zoom vote.

Tom PlaHovinsak, chair of the Bookstore Innovation Group, presented a proposal for revision of [FPPM Section VI. G. Bookstore Innovation Group](#). After discussion, Dr. Pederson made a motion to amend the proposal by deleting “and craft” from page 3, paragraph 1. Tim Ritzert seconded the motion and it passed 25-0. Dr. Ross then called the vote on the amended proposal and it passed 26-0.

Dr. Burger as senior member of Senate moved to approve candidates for graduation in May. Dr. Pederson seconded the motion and it passed 28-0. Lisa Minor noted that nursing candidates will graduate as of May 1 so that they may join the healthcare workforce as soon as possible.

Bill Abrams presented the EPC report:

- a. He grouped three action items together for a vote: [Removal of CSDS 526 from the program](#), [Therapeutic Recreation Undergraduate Change](#), and [Art Education Concentration Undergraduate Change](#). The vote was 25-0 in favor of these proposals.
- b. He grouped three program discontinuances (due to lack of enrollment) together for a vote: [SPED General Endorsement](#), [Elementary Education PreK-6 Initial Licensure Concentration](#), and [Autism Certificate](#). The vote was 25-0 in favor of these proposals.
- c. He grouped three “admissions themed” proposals together for a vote: [Graduate Conditional Admissions Policy](#), [Graduate Admissions Overall Policy for APPM](#), and [General Transfer Policy](#). The vote was 25-0 in favor of these proposals.
- d. He presented the proposal for [Transfer Credits for Military Training](#). John Miller spoke about this proposal aligning with what other Virginia schools do. The proposal passed 24-1.

Dr. Smith gave an update on Longwood’s progress through the pandemic. She noted that tomorrow is the deadline for students to select PV, DV, or FV grades for their spring courses and asked that all advisors check email frequently to receive last minute requests for advice and/or signatures. She thanked Registrar Susan Hines for figuring how faculty can enter regular grades and have them converted automatically to PV, DV, and FV.

During final exams in Spring 2020, we will offer extra flexibility for faculty and students to schedule makeup exams on Friday, May 8. Final grades will now be due Tuesday, May 12 at 8:30am. Exams should be kept at the same time they are scheduled on the exam schedule, but faculty have the option to open up their exams whenever they choose.

Dr. Smith made some concluding comments looking ahead to summer and fall. Everything that hasn’t been cancelled has been moved online. Determinations are still being made about Orientation. Move out for students will not happen until after the Governor’s stay-at-home order is lifted, hopefully on June 10.

A COVID-19 Task Force has been formed and will work on formulating options about aspects of how to reopen in the fall. They will be developing these options by following state and federal guidance as well as paying attention to recommendations formulated by higher education groups. Their options will be presented to the President and VPs for decision and action. Please share any ideas with David Shoenthal, who is the Academic Affairs representative on the Task Force.

Dr. Smith also explained that there is uncertainty with the budget for the next fiscal year, given that the Commonwealth of Virginia has not decided its budget and given that our deposit deadline for incoming students

has been moved to June 1 due to the pandemic. She stated that the University is planning for a lean budget, and that the President will share more information at a University Planning Council meeting in early May.

Dr. Smith stated that as she did this spring, she will work closely with academic leadership as we make plans for the coming year. She concluded that the faculty – along with the camaraderie the faculty shares with staff and students – are Longwood's greatest strengths and that together we will work together to face the challenges ahead. She thanked Dr. Ross and this year's Executive Committee and said she looked forward to working with Dr. Pederson and next year's Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Irish