

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2020, 3:30pm
via Zoom

Dr. JoEllen Pederson called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. The following members were on the call:

Dr. Robert Blaisdell	Dr. Lee Bidwell	Ms. Natalie Browning
Dr. Bill Burger	Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. Karla Collins
Dr. Scott Cook	Dr. Jackie Daniel	Mr. Ian Danielsen
Mr. Donovan Douglas	Dr. Lily Goetz	Ms. Debra Harper
Dr. Will Holliday	Dr. Brandon Jackson	Dr. Chris Kukk
Dr. Chris Labosier	Dr. Virginia Lewis	Dr. Leigh Lunsford
Dr. Kat McClesky	Dr. Pam McDermott	Dr. Kelly Nelson
Dr. Tim O'Keefe	Ms. Anne Patterson	Dr. JoEllen Pederson
Dr. Jeannine Perry	Dr. Tom PlaHovinsak	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Tim Ritzert	Dr. Brent Roberts	Dr. Steve Samaras
Dr. Larissa Smith	Dr. Ryan Stouffer	Dr. Dorothy Suskind
Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson	Dr. Sarah Varela	Dr. Bennie Waller
Dr. Kristin Whitely	Dr. Andrew Yeagley	Teresa Irish, Recorder

Also present were Dr. Bill Abrams, Jennifer Beach, Kathy Charleston, Dr. Kevin Doyle, Dr. Sharon Emerson-Stonnell, Dr. Alix Fink, Dr. Elise Green, Susan Hines, Dr. Evan Long, Dr. Brooke Mathna, Dr. Julie Mersiowsky, Vicki Palmer, Sarah Reynolds, Linda Sauve, Dr. David Shoenthal, Dr. Linda Townsend, Dr. Pam Tracy, and Jennifer Whitaker.

The minutes from the October 29, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Bill Abrams presented the seven action items from EPC:

1. [Academic Suspension Policy](#) – Policy Clarification (passed 21-0)
2. [General Transfer Policy](#) – Policy/Language Change (passed 23-0)
3. [Longwood Professional Studies Courses](#) – Policy Change (passed 22-0)
4. [Release of Transcripts](#) – Policy Change (passed 23-0)
5. [Second Degree Requirement](#) – Policy Clarification (passed 22-0)
6. [Grade Estimates](#) – Policy Change (passed 23-0)
7. [English Literature](#) – New Concentration (passed 24-0)

An eighth action item, Health Education Minor, was actually a course change in an existing minor and not a new minor, as clarified by KirstinWhitely. Thus, a vote was not necessary.

Dr. Pederson called for a vote to [remove Intellectual Property Forms from the FPPM](#). This change passed 22-0.

Kevin Doyle recapped the November 5 Fall Budget Forum. He was pleased with the attendance on the Zoom call (between 60-70) and thinks future Budget Forums may use this format. He encouraged those who were not able to attend to play the recorded meeting which may be found at https://longwood-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/tFe_b7QAGIKQDMlYsUSETDh7gyz5y0BsUXWj959XyvcYbxtsPJw32nMnoWID1Np.m.mmfmrIK9wAP9ICVQ?startTime=1604608920000. He thanked President Reveley, Vice President for Administration and Finance Louise Waller, and Provost and VPAA Larissa Smith for their transparency and thorough reports. The Senate Finance and Planning Committee will be working with Dr. Abrams on the Spring Budget Forum. In closing, he said that anyone who would like to be added to the Committee's Canvas course can email him and he will add them.

Drs. Pederson and Smith thanked senators for soliciting and forwarding feedback from their departments regarding spring break options. Dr. Smith also discussed the options in ACC and was grateful to learn about specific program and department needs which will inform the decision. She reported that there was a general consensus against having no break and also having a traditional week-long break. Staff traditionally has off the Monday of Spring Break week and will still receive a day off no matter which option is chosen. Staff will also be allowed to roll annual leave until June instead of having it expire in January as usual. There may be a need to “tack on” leftover days to exam week, especially for courses which are being taught asynchronously and which have online exams. The final decision about Spring Break will be made and announced before exams begin. The SGA has proposed that we sponsor a mental health/fun activity day on one of the days off.

Under Announcements, Dr. Pederson noted that the Fall Showcase is up and running and encouraged Senators to check it out virtually. She also announced that this is Teresa Irish’s last Senate meeting, and the group thanked her for her service. Lee Bidwell announced that the Board of Visitors will meet on December 4 and asked Senators for items to include in her report. Hearing none, she announced that she will not submit a report for this BOV meeting.

Under New Business, Dr. Bidwell spoke about an email to all faculty teaching Perspectives courses about assessment of those courses. Many faculty members feel that the timing of this email makes it impossible to complete. Also, they are wondering why the method of assessment of Perspectives courses was not built into the schedule for the courses as it was for Pillar courses. She asked that this call for assessment of Perspectives courses be withdrawn. Dr. Smith responded that she hears the concerns and that the email should not be read as a demand but as a request to participate. She understands that we won’t get 100% participation but even some data may be useful. Dr. Bidwell’s request to withdraw the call for assessment was echoed by others. Dr. Leigh Lunsford said she is worried about whether junior faculty will feel pressured to comply, and Dr. Smith said they should not feel pressured. Dr. Smith said that a January discussion of Civitae would be helpful in moving forward.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.

Respectfully,

Teresa Irish, Recorder