Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2016, 3:30 PM

Library Rooms 209 A&B

Dr. Sarah Porter called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm, and thanked the College of Business and Economics for providing snacks.

The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams

Ms. Jennifer Beach

Dr. Chris Bjornsen

Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais

Dr. Roger Byrne

Dr. Phillip Cantrell

Ms. Cynthia Crews

Dr. Kevin Doyle

Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs

Dr. Adam Franssen  
Dr. Jackie Hall

Dr. Kellyn Hall

Mr. Jeff Halliday

Mr. Carl Harvey

Dr. Patricia Horne Hastings

Mrs. Claire LaRoche

Dr. Mary Lehman

Dr. Brett Martz

Dr. Joan Neff

Ms. Tracy Neill

Ms. Kelly Nelson

Dr. Adam Paulek

Dr. Jeannine Perry

Dr. Tim Pierson

Dr. Sarah Porter

Dr. Lissa Power-deFur

Dr. Sean Ruday

Dr. Bill Thompson

Dr. Meg Thompson

Dr. Bennie Waller

Dr. Linda Wright

Also present were Ms. Ann Bailey Yoelin, Dr. Steven Isaac, and Ms. Virginia Kinman.

Members not present were Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Mary Carver, Dr. Paul Chapman, Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Alix Fink, Mr. David Gills, Dr. Sara Miller, Pres. Taylor Reveley, Dr. Carl Riden, Mr. Brent Roberts.

The minutes from the November 03, 2016 meeting were approved as posted.

Dr. Porter thanked Ms. Jennifer Beach and her students for setting up and breaking down the tables.

Dr. Shawn Smith updated the Faculty Senate on the status of the EPC. There is work being done on forms for the new Core Curriculum. There were no action items to address.

Proposal- Study Abroad Committee. The Study Abroad Committee is an Administrative Committee not appointed by the Faculty Senate, but does have Senate members on it. The committee reports to and is appointed by the VPAA. Dr. Porter talked about adding three changes to the FPPM. The title of Assessment Coordinator will be changed to Assessment Director. Faculty members with long term, or no Study Abroad experience, will be allowed to serve but at least three of the faculty members must have experience with short term study abroad. The Senate voted to approve the measure.

Proposal - Emeritus Faculty. Emeritus Rank nominations must originate within the department where the faculty member served. Senior Clinical Educators can’t be considered. It is an option for all retired faculty who hold faculty rank, including Librarians, who meet the requirements for nomination. A strong case must be made for a person with less than 20 years of service. A friendly amendment was made by Bill Abrams, seconded, and passed to change the wording from “contributions to Longwood **and/or** their discipline” to “contributions to Longwood **and** their discipline.” One vote was opposed to the amendment. The Senate voted to approve the amended proposal.

Proposal - Update to sabbatical leave eligibility and application deadline. There was a discussion on the proposed timing of the notification of sabbatical approval, which might make fall scheduling difficult for chairs. Dean Byrne also brought up the potential issue with the confidentiality of the tenure process for applicants who have not yet been awarded tenure.The wording in the FPPM is very convoluted and unclear. After much discussion, it was decided to make a motion to return the issue to the Faculty Development Committee to review and revise the policy, taking into account the in depth discussion during the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Porter announced that the Senate Executive Committee is aware of the ongoing issues surrounding the Longwood website. The Chairs Council will be working with Ms. Victoria Kindon and Ms. Mary Jo Stockton to address these issues as quickly as possible. Meetings with department chairs are being set up to address the content issues and develop strategies for success.

The art department sale taking place in Bedford will be open until 7:00 pm today. The sale supports FACES (Farmville Area Community Emergency Services).

There are two poster sessions on campus today. One is for HARK and the other is in Chichester for the sciences.

Dr. Bill Abrams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Porter adjourned the meeting at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Anderson

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