

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2012
Library 209 A&B

Dr. Fergeson called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. Paul Barrett	Dr. Linda Lau	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. David Lehr	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. David Locascio	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Theresa Clark	Dr. David Magill	Dr. Robin Smith
Ms. Kerri Cushman	Ms. Sharon Menegoni	Dr Chris Swanson
Dr. Rodney Dunning	Ms. Suzy Palmer	Dr. William Thomson
Dr. Melody Eaton	Ms. Melissa Panzarello	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Lara Fergeson	Ms. Tatiana Pashkova-	Dr. Melissa Yeager
Dr. Lily Goetz	Bakenhol	Mr. Ben Tyree
Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Ken Perkins	

The following members were absent: Dr. Tom Akre, Dr. Chris Jones, Dr. Deneese Jones, Dr. Derek Taylor, Dr. Linda Wright. Also present were Mr. Troy Austin, Ms. Joanna Baker, Ms. Sabrina Brown, Dr. Alix Fink, and Dr. Bryan Rowland.

The minutes for December 12, 2011 were approved with the addition of Dr. Stephanie Buchert to the list of absentees for that day.

Dr. Fergeson introduced Mr. Troy Austin who thanked faculty for their support in the move to Division 1 and conference affiliation. He detailed the transition at Longwood, emphasizing that the GPA of 3.0 for athletes and the commitment to academics helped greatly, and he talked about changing conditions at the conference level.

Dr. Fergeson introduced Dr. Bryan Rowland, Vice President for Advancement, who came to Longwood over the summer. Dr. Rowland said that advancement starts with strong programs; highlighting those helps in securing resources, so the influence of faculty and student activities and achievements is on donors is significant. The Advancement Office encompasses fund-raising, alumni relations, communications, and the Longwood Foundation. Dr. Rowland introduced Ms. Sabrina Brown, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications, who joined the staff on November 10 and who brings fresh ideas and an entrepreneurial spirit. In response to questions about twitter, she spoke of the function of the twitter feed in attracting students and in revealing the enthusiasm of current students for their academic pursuits and their appreciation of their professors.

Dr. Perkins provided an update on activities in Academic Affairs. There are several searches going on, one for an Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, one for a Dean of the Honors College, one for a Dean of Admissions, one for a Registrar. These searches are well under way, some ready for skype interviews, some for campus visits.

The Director of Sponsored Programs will begin work at Longwood on February 25.

The Honors College offices are moving to the house at 507 Pine Street and International Studies is moving to Stevens.

In response to a question about the ESL program, Dr. Perkins said there are currently two students enrolled, and in March there will be sixteen more.

Currently the administrative policies are being reviewed and some of those in the Academic Affairs area may have to come to the Senate.

He asked for volunteers interested in joining the Academic Affairs-Student Affairs collaborative team.

On February 14 at 3:30 in Wygal Auditorium the associate provost at VCU and the person in charge of on-line student evaluations at VCU will be at Longwood to talk to all interested faculty about moving to on-line student evaluations here. All are welcome.

Dr. Perkins talked about the promising future of CAFÉ under the direction of Dr. Pam Tracy. He has asked her to develop a budget.

Dr. Fergeson made several announcements:

First, The charge of the Post Tenure Review Committee will be

1. to strengthen the rehabilitative aspect of PTR.
2. to provide the institution with more flexibility to deal with faculty in PTR who are not participating or progressing and thus not providing high-quality education to students.

The committee is to report to the Senate in April.

Second, the snacks were provided by CAFÉ. She also told the Senate about the revision of the CAFÉ advisory committee to enlarge the membership and reported Dr. Tracy's request for experienced faculty volunteers who would open their classes to new faculty who would like the opportunity to observe master teachers at work.

She thanked those who sent emails to legislators supporting the discount waivers for faculty children attending state institutions (HB104). Dr. Eaton attended the lobby day at the legislature and reported that many students were in attendance also. She hopes that more faculty and some Longwood students will participate next year.

Dr. Fergeson thanked Dr. Hall for her service as faculty representative to the Longwood Foundation and announced that Dr. Kinzer would represent the faculty starting in July.

Dr. Fergeson and Dr. Perkins called for volunteers to review questions for the evaluation of administrators.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Susan May