

Faculty Senate Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2012
2:00, Library 209 A&B

Dr. Fergeson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Ayse Balas	Dr. David Lehr	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Paul Barrett	Dr. David Locascio	Dr. Melissa Rhoten
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. Mark Lukas	Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina
Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. David Magill	Dr. Kim Stern
Dr. David Buckalew	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. Theresa Clark	Mr. Mike Mergen	Dr. Derek Taylor
Dr. Melody Eaton	Dr. Jo Morrison	Dr. William Thompson
Dr. Alix Fink	Dr. Gene Muto	Dr. Wayne White
Dr. Joe Garcia	Ms. Suzy Palmer	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Lily Goetz	Ms. Tatiana Pashkova	
Dr. Jackie Hall	Balkenhol	
Dr. Naomi Johnson	Dr. Tim Pierson	

Members not present were Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Ken Perkins, Dr. Jeannine Perry, Dr. Charles Ross, Dr. Wayne Wright. Others attending the meeting were Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. Cheryl Adkins, Ms. Joanna Baker, Dr. Don Blaheta, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Dr. Audrey Church, Ms. Amanda Hartman, Ms. Jaime Hillman, Dr. Ed Kinman, Dr. Mark Lenker, Dr. Leigh Lunsford, Dr. Nancy Powers, and Dr. Carl Riden.

The minutes of the November Senate meeting were approved as posted.

Dr. Fergeson thanked Jaime Hillman for the refreshments and introduced her to make several announcements. Ms. Hillman talked about the expanded space at the bookstore, the new merchandise now available, and the café offerings including vegetarian choices.

Dr. Fergeson recognized Ms. Palmer who introduced Ms. Amanda Hartman, the new Special Collections and Digital Initiatives Librarian.

Dr. Bill Abrams talked about the joint sponsorship by the Faculty Senate of Virginia and the AAUP of the Higher Education Advocacy Day to be held on Thursday, January 10 at the Virginia Legislature. There are several bills of interest to higher education which attendees will be briefed on before having a change to talk to their legislators:

- One dealing with a partial tuition waiver for faculty children;
- One providing for a faculty representative on the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia;
- One dealing with state contributions to optional retirement plans;
- One dealing with faculty appointments to the Virginia Commission of Higher Education which recommends appointments to the governor.

Dr. Abrams invited faculty to attend this event; more information is available from him or from Dr. Fergeson.

Dr. Fergeson asked Dr. Taylor to provide an update on the presidential search. He read a response he had written to an inquiry about the search process outlining the committee's procedures and the

conscientiousness, thoroughness, and thoughtfulness with which committee members were conducting their work. He said that on December 17 the committee would start reviewing applications. The faculty representatives will try to keep the faculty as informed as possible of the progress of the search insofar as the confidentiality restrictions permit. Senators were asked what characteristics they wanted to committee to consider. Among the characteristics/skills mentioned were budgetary expertise and an intention to provide resources for academic programs and positions. Out of the discussion emerged a need for the reestablishment of a faculty listserve which would facilitate communication and debate about issues of concern to the faculty.

Dr. Fergeson called on Ms. Menegoni for the EPC report. There were three action items. She moved the approval of the revised Computer Science program. The motion carried. She moved the approval of an MS in Education/Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Specialist. The motion carried. She moved the approval of a policy change for writing and speaking intensive courses that specifies which courses may not be used for writing and speaking intensive courses and which makes the requirements for the two parallel. The motion carried.

Dr. Fergeson outlined issues coming before the Senate in the new year:

The Finance and Planning Committee will be reporting on strategic initiatives for the next two years;

The Promotion and Tenure Policies and Procedures will be bringing the Post Tenure Review policy to the Senate and modifications of the annual evaluation process;

IITS issues: Ms. Howard will be meeting with the Executive Committee in January, and among other issues the Executive Committee will mention the listserve request mentioned above.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Susan May

