

Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2014

3:30, Library Rooms 209 A&B

Dr. Lehr called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. David Locascio	Dr. Ken Perkins
Dr. David Buckalew	Dr. Mark Lukas	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. Phil Cantrell	Dr. David Magill	Dr. Tim Pierson
Ms. Cynthia Crews	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Melissa Rhoten
Dr. Lily Goetz	Mr. Mike Mergen	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Jake Milne	Dr. Kim Stern
Dr. Jeff Halliday	Dr. Jo Morrison	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Gene Muto	Dr. Meg Thompson
Dr. Linda Lau	Dr. Kristen Nugent	

Members not present were Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Paul Chapman, Dr. Audrey Church, Mr. Ken Copeland, Ms. Emily Cox, Dr. Alix Fink, Ms. Suzy Palmer, Dr. Lissa Power-deFur, Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina, Mr. Nick Carrara. Also present were Dr. Bill Abrams, Ms. Joanna Baker, Dr. Virginia Beard, Ms. Amanda Hartman, Dr. Will Holliday, Mr. Wade Lough, Ms. Sharon Menegoni, Mr. Chris Register, Dr. Charles White, Ms. Kim Wingo.

The minutes were approved as posted.

For the EPC Committee Ms. Menegoni moved the approval of a revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The motion passed. She moved the approval of a new BFA degree in Graphic and Animation Design. The motion passed. Ms Menegoni moved the deletion from the catalog (effective in the fall of 2015) of History 210 and the approval of new courses History 120 and 130. The motion passed. She moved a change in the description of GNED 162; it passed. She moved a change in the name of the Liberal Studies program to Integrative Studies. Dr. Hall moved tabling the motion until the next Senate meeting on April 24 when Dr. Lust could be present. The motion was seconded and passed. (All EPC items are posted on the Senate web page.)

For the Finance and Planning Committee Dr. White talked about his concern about the consequences of the tuition decisions passed recently by the Board of Visitors. (See the report on the Senate web page). Dr. Pierson pointed out that the fees for online and hybrid courses were going to be raised to match the fees per credit hour for face to face courses which will bring in additional revenue. Dr. Meese pointed out the increased costs for faculty and staff children attending Longwood, and Ms. Hartman pointed out the consequences for the library of increased FTEs.

For the Committee on Promotion and Tenure Policies and Procedures Dr. Goetz introduced the revised timelines which made clear the different timelines for new and continuing faculty. Questions were raised particularly about the contradiction with the times specified under Section III.G.b of the *FPPM*. The committee will make some adjustments and bring the document back for the April 24 Senate meeting.

For the Executive Committee Dr. Magill moved changes to the Faculty Status and Grievances Committee procedures clarifying certain steps in the proceedings and a description of the responsibilities of the Board of Visitors as specified in the *FPPM*. Both items passed.

Dr. Beard and Ms. Wingo presented the results of the work of the ad hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Teaching. The discussion ranged over several topics—the validity of online evaluations since participation rates are low, the ineffectiveness of existing inducements to complete them, the problems of requiring completion before final grades are issued, the value of student evaluations even when participation rates are high. Dr. Magill moved the tabling of the committee's report. His motion was seconded and passed.

Under new business several concerns arose—the need to have a provision allowing for make-up time for snow days, summer course remuneration, and the writing intensive course proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Susan May

