

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2010
Virginia Room

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

Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Gerald Montoya
Dr. Wendell Barbour	Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Eric Moore
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. Jim Haug	Dr. Gene Muto
Dr. Gretchen Braun	Dr. Chene Heady	Dr. Keith Rider
Dr. Theresa Clark	Dr. Ryan Hebert	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Scott Cole	Dr. Chris Jones	Dr. Cathy Roy
Dr. Roy Creasey	Dr. Rená Koesler	Dr. David Shoenthal
Ms. Kerri Cushman	Ms. Claire LaRoche	Dr. Gena Southall
Dr. Alix Fink	Dr. Mark Lenker	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Mikie Flanigan	Dr. Wayne McWee	

Those not present were Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Deneese Jones, Dr. Anthony Koyzis, Dr. Tim Pierson, Dr. Pam Tracy, and Mr. Keenan Crump. Also attending were Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. Norm Bregman, Ms. Jaime Hillman, Dr. Ed Kinman, Dr. Pat Lust, Dr. Geoff Orth, Dr. Jeannine Perry, and Dr. Robin Smith.

The minutes for March 18, 2010, were approved as posted.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Hall who for the EPC moved the approval of a pre-requisite change, a credit hour increase, and removal from General Education Goal 5 for Math 164. The motion carried. She moved approval of a change for Biol 101, a General Education Goal 6 course. It will not be open to Biology or Liberal Studies majors. The motion carried. Dr. Hall moved approval of a new minor in Performance and Production in Media. The motion carried. She moved the approval of a new program in the Graduate School, Curriculum & Instruction Specialist in Middle School Mathematics. The motion carried. Dr. Hall moved approval of a General Education proposal to require re-approval of general education courses every five years, of a time line for re-approval, and of a form to be used in the process. After considerable discussion of the need for the process and of the work entailed, the motion was defeated. Dr. Hall then moved the approval of a change in GPA values to reflect plus and minus grades. The motion carried. She moved the approval of a new advisory committee, the Bachelor of General Studies Committee. The motion carried. Dr. Hall introduced for discussion the addition to the EPC of an ex-officio voting member from the Liberal Studies Advisory Committee. The Senate voted to recommend this change to the general faculty since it involves a by-laws change.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Bregman who gave an annual report for the IAC. The Athletics Department has developed a five-year Strategic plan. The IAC revised the alcohol policy and passed a drug policy after reviewing policies elsewhere and guidelines recommended by the NCAA. The Athletics Department has moved from the trailers into Tabb. Michelle Meadows reported to the IAC that student-athlete performance for the fall semester showed remarkable academic progress for the majority of the teams. The students are very close to the targeted goal of 3.0 for all athletes. They reached 2.9+. Dr. Bregman announced that the Athletics Banquet will be held on April 19th and this year will recognize academic and athletic excellence. In the past, academic excellence and athletic excellence were recognized in separate banquets.

Dr. Amoss introduced Ms. Jaime Hillman, new Bookstore general manager. She talked about the need to address problems that had occurred in the past, introduced the textbook rental program, and asked for feedback at hillmanja@longwood.edu. She explained the problems with the availability of digital texts—a number of publishers want to handle those themselves--but offered to do what she could to accommodate faculty.

Under New Business, Dr. Lenker advised continuing the experimental phase of the Senate blog next fall and suggested arranging a training session very early in the fall semester.

Dr. Shoenthal moved adjournment, and Dr. Amoss adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Susan May