

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2011
Library rooms 209 A&B

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

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Chris Jones	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Ayse Balas	Dr. David Lehr	Dr. Robin Smith
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. David Locascio	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. David Magill	Dr. Derek Taylor
Dr. Theresa Clark	Ms. Sharon Menegoni	Dr. William Thomson
Ms. Kerri Cushman	Ms. Melissa Panzarello	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Rodney Dunning	Ms. Tatiana Pashkova-	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Melody Eaton	Balkenhol	Dr. Melissa Yeager
Dr. Lily Goetz	Dr. Ken Perkins	Mr. Ben Tyree
Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Tim Pierson	

Members not present were Dr. Tom Akre, Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Jackie Hall, Dr. Deneese Jones, and Dr. Gena Southall. Also present were Dr. Chuck Blauvelt, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Ms. Jaime Hillman, Ms. Virginia Kinman, Dr. Mark Lenker, and Dr. Wayne White.

The minutes of the meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011, were approved as distributed.

Dr. Fergeson noted the omission from the committee list of Dr. Mark Lukas from the ad hoc Committee on Parental Leave. Dr. Abrams moved approval of the committee appointments with that correction. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Fergeson recognized Ms. Hillman who said that Kristen Leasure will be sending monthly communiqués to the faculty. She mentioned Sparkcharts (\$4.95), study aids which the Bookstore is recommending to students, but faculty may ask the store not to recommend them for a given class. In addition to e-books, the store now carries Nook readers (\$139.00 or, for color, \$249.00, and the faculty discount is applicable). A Nookstudy building block is now available on blackboard. If your book is available as a Nookstudy e-book, this will integrate that e-book with blackboard assignments. Ms. Hillman said that the Bookstore can help with supplies you need for courses if you let her know what those needs are.

Dr. Fergeson asked Dr. Taylor, faculty representative to the Board of Visitors, to report on the September Board meeting. The first thing he mentioned was the Board's reaction to the news that the Athletics GPA was a bit higher than the GPA for all other students. The Board wondered whether the support model for the athletes might help other students. He reported on admissions statistics (to be included in his forthcoming written report to the faculty). The Board has approved the plan for new student housing at north Lancer Park. The Board remains concerned about salaries. Also before the board were the fees for non-credit programs, specifically at this time for the English Language Institute. Fees will be \$2300.00 for seven weeks, \$3500 for ten. There will be more information on this item in several weeks. Dr. Taylor's own report to the Board centered on the Academic Strategic Plan.

Dr. Perkins passed out the revised six-year plan (posted on the Senate web page) required by the Top Jobs '21 Legislation. It can be revised again next May for June resubmission. The plan shows priorities

within three funding sources; the first tier will be funded through money we already have from reallocations, money which must be spent on the nursing program and STEM-related programs. For items 10 and 11 we would have to find more money. The second tier consists of priorities that would be funded were we to raise tuition 9.6 or 9.7 %, and the third tier consists of priorities that are unfunded and would take new money from the state.

Dr. Fergeson recognized Dr. White who presented information about the NCATE evaluation in progress. The process is largely electronic, although there will be a campus visit from Nov. 6-8. His handout, available from Senators, outlines the stages in process or completed.

Ms. Menegoni brought to the Senate's attention that Athletic Training, Social Work, and Communication Sciences and Disorders were also undergoing accreditation. Other departments engaged in accreditation or reaccreditation activities are Theatre (this academic year) and Art which is just beginning the accumulation of data.

Dr. Fergeson recognized Dr. Eaton who talked about the growth of the nursing program and the preparation for accreditation by the Committee on Collegiate Nursing Education. The faculty are at the beginning of the process and are benefiting from a grant and a consultant who is helping with the accreditation report. The campus visit is scheduled for the fall of 2012, and the team will be including in the review the library, support services, and advising.

Under new business Dr. Perkins announced the appointment, in response to a recommendation from the Senate last year, of Dr. Pam Tracy as Coordinator for the Center for Academic Faculty Enrichment. He also announced the need to investigate online evaluation of instruction. He mentioned the VCU system which has a flexible and adaptable form. This might help remedy the problems with evaluations for on-line and summer courses and is necessary in the light of the SACS self-study under way. Dr. Ross asked for the resurrection of evaluations of chairs, deans, etc.

Dr. Fergeson outlined the continuing important work of the Senate and EPC in establishing and monitoring Longwood's curriculum and several new policy studies now under review, the parental leave policy, LOTI, and the study of credit hours and how they are determined for certain courses. She also mentioned the imminent establishment of an ad hoc committee to review the post tenure review policy and determine whether revisions are advisable. She reminded the body that the Senate follows Robert's Rules, and she emphasized too the smoothness with which faculty and administration are working together.

Dr. Abrams moved adjournment. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Susan May