

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2013
Library 209 A&B

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

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

The following members did not attend: Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Paul Chapman, Dr. Audrey Church, Mr. Ken Copeland, Ms. Emily Cox, Dr. Alix Fink, Dr. David Magill, Ms. Suzy Palmer, Dr. Ken Perkins, Dr. Tim Pierson, Dr. Lissa Power-deFur, Dr. Charles Ross, Dr. Leah Shiling-Traina. Others in attendance were Ms. Leslie Cook-Day, Mr. Jeff Everhart, Ms. Penny Howard, Dr. Mark Lenker, Mrs. Jenny Quarles, Ms. Becky Patt, Dr. Kat Tracy.

The minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2013, were approved as posted.

Dr. Lehr asked the new Senators to introduce themselves: Dr. Phil Cantrell, Ms. Cynthia Crews, Mr. Jeff Halliday, Dr. David Hardin, Dr. Jake Milne, Dr. Kristen Nugent, Dr. Meg Thompson, and the current SGA representative Mr. Steven Sommers.

Two technology committees The Academic Committee on Technology and the Online Advisory Committee, have worked together on a merger, Dr. Lehr explained, forming a proposed Academic Technology Advisory Committee (posted on the Senate web page). Dr. Locascio moved Senate approval of the new committee; the motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Lehr asked for approval of the committee appointments (posted on the Senate web page). The Senate voted approval.

Dr. Lehr called on Mrs. Quarles to talk about Compass and answer any questions. The log-in problem has been solved. Mrs. Quarles emphasized the services DEC will provide.

Ms. Becky Patt heads a DEC help desk (x4332) manned by 10 students. They will gladly come to faculty and staff offices to sit down and provide one-to-one assistance. If there is something they don't know, they will find out the answer and get back to the person needing help. Students can also directly request one-on-one support or be referred by a faculty/staff member.

Mr. Jeff Everhart is in charge of training. The DEC is glad to support specific disciplines. Students are welcome at training sessions as well as faculty and staff.

The ITS help desk and the DEC help desk will both field questions and refer people to the proper source of information.

Because Ruffner is closed at 5:00 p.m., DEC and the Library have arranged for student helpers to be available in the library in evenings. RTAs also maintain hours at the library to support students. DEC Hours: 5-8 pm Monday-Thursday, 5-9 pm Sunday. RTA hours 7-9 pm Monday-Thursday.

The Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC), including members from both ITS and DEC as well as faculty from each college, will consider software purchases and other greater questions on technology investments for campus instruction.

Ms. Howard explained that Longwood has a research partner, Gartner, which can provide up-to-date information about available resources. If there is something you would like Longwood to have, call Ms. Howard and ask her about it.

Someone asked about notices she has been receiving from Blackboard. That is spam, Ms. Howard said. To stop these notices and any other spam, forward it to abuse@longwood.edu and the notices should cease.

Dr. Lehr announced the appointment of three ad hoc committees, one on student complaints, one on student evaluations, and one on external grants.

There will be a meeting of the President's Advisory Committee with the President on October 11.

Dr. Lehr reported on last weekend's meeting of the Board of Visitors. Dr. Perkins and Mr. Copeland gave overviews of the areas they oversee and how those areas fit into the total University picture. There was a discussion of retention and graduation, the need to identify students who need support and strategies for helping them. In the open discussion members of the Board stressed the need for rigor and even for ramping up standards and helping students to meet those. They discussed among other things the perhaps too lenient repeat policy, the need to reexamine general education, etc.

The Senate thanks the Cook-Cole College of Arts and Sciences for the treats.

Dr. Lehr adjourned the meeting at 4:15, p.m.

Susan May