

Opening Faculty Meeting
Friday, August 19, 2016
9:00 AM, Blackwell Hall

Dr. Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes of the spring faculty meeting on March 24, 2015, were approved as posted.

Dr. Sarah Porter called for the nomination of Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors. Dr. Bill Abrams nominated Dr. Lissa Power-deFur. Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais seconded the motion. Dr. Lissa Power-deFur was elected by proclamation.

Dr. Sarah Porter recognized Dr. Chuck Ross to present the Status and Grievances report. Other members of the committee are Dr. David Buckalew, Dr. Audrey Church, Dr. Eric Laws, and Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust. Alternates to the committee are Dr. Lissa Power-deFur, Dr. Cheryl Adkins, and Dr. Michelle Parry.

Dr. Sarah Porter called on Dr. Crystal Anderson to present a report on the state of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Dr. Anderson discussed new programs and grants being offered for student research by the Office of Student Research and encouraged faculty and students to apply and participate in the forthcoming programs. The Omnimedia Review is now accepting submissions. Grants from the Office of Student Research will be issued to all departments to promote research based events at the department level.

Dr. Sarah Porter acknowledged Dr. Pam Tracy and Dr. Derek Taylor. They were charged by Provost Joan Neff to link the debate to academic programming at Longwood. They reported on ways faculty are making the debate a learning experience. Dr. Tracy discussed the Debate Blog website.

Dr. Sarah Porter called on Dr. Consuelo Alvarez who discussed the Big South Conference awards won by Longwood athletic students. They received an award for a combined GPA score of 3.5. No other Big South School was able to accomplish this remarkable achievement.

Dr. Sarah Porter called on Dr. Jennifer Green, who introduced Ms. Susan Hines, the new registrar. Dr. James Holsinger, will serve as the new Academic Success Writing Director. The Director of Admissions position is still unfilled. Ms. Melissa Shepherd will serve a dual role as Director of Admissions and Director of Financial Aid until further notice.

Dr. Sarah Porter called on Dr. Sharon Emerson-Stonnell who gave an update on the status of the new Core Curriculum. A final proposal will be presented to the Faculty Executive Committee for approval. Please send her your suggestions by August 31, to be considered.

Dr. Porter introduced the rest of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee by name. They include Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. Sarah Miller, Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais, and Dr. Bennie Waller. Dr. Porter asked the Faculty Senators to rise and be acknowledged. She also encouraged faculty to get to know their senators.

Dr. Sarah Porter invited President Taylor Reveley, III to the stage, who thanked everyone for being there. He talked about the recent fire at the Landings and its ramifications across campus. President Reveley then spoke about the Vice-Presidential Debate, General Education reform, employee compensation, and events scheduled for debate week.

Dr. Sarah Porter invited Dr. Joan Neff to the stage, who welcomed everyone back to Logwood after the summer break. She thanked everyone who participated on the various searches across campus and provided updates. She then called on the deans of the undergraduate colleges who introduced and welcomed the new members of their faculty.

In other announcements Dr. Ken Fortino reminded all faculty that the Fall 2016 Blackwell Talks will start in October and to please submit proposals by September 12. A community music program directed by Dr. Kristen Topham is up and running. Please go to the LU Music webpage for more information.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:25, and was seconded by Dr. Bill Abrams.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Anderson