

Opening Faculty Meeting
Friday, August 18, 2017
Breakfast 8:30 AM, Blackwell Foyer
Meeting 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Blackwell Ballroom

Dr. Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes of the opening faculty meeting on March 23, 2017, were approved as posted.

Dr. Porter welcomed everyone and introduced herself. She introduced members of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Executive Committee. All senators were asked to stand. She thanked all for their service.

Dr. Porter called for the election of the Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors. Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais nominated Dr. Lissa Power de-Fur, who was elected by acclamation.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Steven Isaac to give his Report from the Committee on Faculty Status and Grievances. He was happy to report there was no business this past year. New members to the committee are Dr. Jennifer Apperson, Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust, Dr. Eric Laws, and Dr. David Magill.

Dr. Porter played a YouTube video for Dr. Crystal Anderson, who could not be there. Dr. Anderson provided an update on the QEP: R.E.A.L. Inquiry. Other updates included the Faculty Mentoring Awards, CURIO, Omnipedia Review, Departmental Grants, and that the Office of Student Research will purchase a poster printer.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Pam Tracy for an update on CAFÉ. Dr. Tracy introduced her two new Co-Directors: Dr. Renee Gutierrez, Across the Career Development and Writing Mentor; and Dr. Adam Franssen, Curriculum Design Development. All are invited to attend *Publish and Flourish* which will take place September 28, 2017, 3-8 PM.

Dr. Porter called on Mr. Brent Roberts to provide his report on the Greenwood Library. Mr. Roberts announced two library initiatives; keeping the library open until 2 a.m. on a trial basis; and embedding librarians in Canvas courses. New to the library: Flipster, Overdrive, and Ancestry Library. Mr. Roberts welcomed Ms. Natalie Browning, librarian.

Dr. Porter played a power point for Dr. Consuelo Alvarez, who could not be there. Dr. Alvarez provided updates on the Big South Conference partnership, the George Christianberry Award for Academic Excellence, The Cross Country Team, and the QUIZ Bowl. Big SURS symposium is coming up in 2020.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Melissa Rhoten to provide an update from the Committee on Core Curriculum. She discussed the timeline for opportunities to participate in pilot courses for fall 2017 that include ENGL 165 and CTZN 110. Classes will be offered to students in fall 2018. Proposals can be submitted using forms found on the Solomon website.

Dr. Porter asked Dr. Kenneth Pestka to discuss the solar eclipse. NASA approved glasses for viewing the eclipse will be disseminated on the Wheeler lawn at 12:30, on August 21. The eclipse will take place 1:15 to 2:40 PM.

Dr. Porter called on President Taylor Reveley. President Reveley made remarks regarding increased enrolment and applications; Charlottesville, VA, and Barcelona, Spain and their implications; the new Core Curriculum; fundraising and its benefits; and the passing of Mary Baldwin, daughter of Officer Baldwin. He thanked Dr. Sharon Emerson-Stonnell for her work on the Core Curriculum.

Dr. Porter called on PVPAA Dr. Joan Neff. Dr. Neff welcomed everyone old and new. She then called on the deans of the undergraduate colleges who introduced and welcomed the new members of their faculty.

The Honor and Integrity Ceremony will take place in Willet Hall following this meeting. The September 14 Faculty Senate meeting was moved to September 7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Anderson