Opening Faculty Meeting August 21, 2015 9:00 a.m.; Blackwell

Dr. Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes of the spring faculty meeting on March 26, 2015, were approved as posted.

Dr. Porter called for nominations for faculty representative to the Board of Visitors. Dr. Lissa Power deFur was nominated. The nomination was seconded. Dr. Abrams moved that nominations be closed. The motion to close was seconded and passed. Dr. Power deFur was elected by acclamation.

Dr. Steven Isaac reported for the Faculty Status and Grievances Committee. The committee heard one case this year. Members for the upcoming year are Steven Isaac, Chair, Bill Abrams, Audrey Church, David Lehr; and Chuck Ross. Alternates are Mac Amoss, Eric Laws, Lissa Power deFur and Cathy Roy.

Dr. Porter recognized Dr. Emerson-Stonnell who reported for the Academic Core Curriculum Committee. She thanked those that participated in workshops that were held on August 12 and 17 to evaluate drafts of proposed goals and outcomes as well as program models. Faculty are encouraged to provide feedback by using the Academic Core Curriculum Committee Blog (Longwood ID and password required) located at blogs.longwood.edu/accc. Work will begin soon in preparing goals and outcomes for presentation to Faculty Senate.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Consuelo Alvarez, Faculty Athletic Representative, who shared student athlete accomplishments last year in the Big South Conference including awards and scholarships.

Dr. Porter invited Dr. Jennifer Green, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success, to introduce Longwood's new Writing Center Director, Dr. Seth Clabough. Dr. Green also announced that the winner of the Retention Innovation Challenge is the English and Modern Language Department. Entry submitted by Dr. Wade Edwards and Dr. Renee Gutiérrez.

Dr. Porter called on Jen Fraley, Associate Dean of Conduct & Integrity, who reviewed the roles of the University Hearing Board and University Appeals Board. Each board currently has vacancies and she invited faculty to consider serving. She will send additional information about these and plans to meet with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee soon about assignments.

Dr. Porter welcomed Dr. Crystal Anderson, Director of Student Research, to introduce herself and speak about student research and how faculty can engage in research with students.

Dr. Porter introduced President Reveley who spoke about diversity and how big strides have been made with diversity among Longwood's student population and it's now time to improve on diversity among the faculty population. He commented on how compensation continues to weigh heavily on his shoulders. He commended the Academic Core Curriculum Committee for the progress they've made in revising general education. He also praised the work of the search committee that resulted in Dr. Joan Neff, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. He then welcomed Dr. Neff to the stage and she called on deans of the undergraduate colleges who introduced and welcomed their new faculty.

In other announcements, Dr. Chris Swanson reminded all faculty of the Fall 2015 Blackwell Talks and encouraged new faculty to participate. The due date for submissions is September 6 with the first Talk scheduled for September 21.

There being no further business, Dr. Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Perutelli