

Opening Faculty Meeting
Friday, August 21, 2009
Blackwell Ballroom, 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He introduced members of the Senate Executive Committee and asked faculty representatives to the Senate to stand. He explained that their duties included reporting on Senate issues and actions to their constituencies.

The minutes of the spring faculty meeting on March 26, 2009, were approved as posted.

Dr. Amoss called for nominations for the faculty representative to the Board of Visitors. Dr. Stuart nominated Dr. Pam Tracy. There was a motion that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed, and Dr. Tracy was elected.

Dr. Amoss introduced Dr. Cormier who talked about the results for Longwood of the budget shortfall and cuts. It will not be until after Labor Day that the full extent of the cuts is known. She explained that the University will not make across-the-board cuts but strategic ones, and preserving the core mission of educating students will be the foremost priority. She warned that when the stimulus money disappears at the end of 2011 there will be additional hardship.

Dr. Amoss called on Ms. Atkins who described the search process for a new president. Dr. Jessica Kozloff of Academic Search, Inc., is assisting the Search Committee which consists of Board members, three faculty members, a Dean, the athletics director, a staff member, a student. Dr. Kozloff will be holding a series of forums in September so that faculty, staff, and students can suggest characteristics the president should have and outline challenges facing the University. The application deadline is October 15 and the committee hopes to conduct six to ten off-campus interviews in December to select finalists for on-campus interviews in mid to late January. The Committee hopes to complete work by February or early March.

Ms. Potts was introduced to talk about University plans to deal with the H1N1 flu. She described the symptoms—a temperature over 125°, aches, sore throat, chills, headache. The clinical diagnosis of this flu is the fever and two more symptoms, and afflicted people should isolate themselves. Most students should go home for three to five days; for those who can't, there will be an isolation area. Sick faculty too should isolate themselves. Faculty must decide how to handle student absences and their own. The vaccine should be available after Thanksgiving and will require more than one injection.

Dr. Amoss called on Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Stuart to present an overview of the findings of the ad hoc Senate Self-Assessment Committee. The majority of respondents feel the work is challenging, feel committed and rewarded, and would like to see Longwood preserve its small size, providing what feels like a private education at a state-assisted cost. They value student-faculty joint pursuit of excellence and innovation. As for the assessment of the Senate, most think that the Senate does all right on crucial issues. The Senate should reevaluate the presence of administrators at all Senate meetings, should be more proactive, hold more at-large meetings, and reevaluate the committee structure and how committee members are chosen. There were questions about the qualifications Senators should have; departments need to do a better job of selecting Senators. The web site is passive; the minutes should be available sooner, and the agenda should contain briefing notes. Dr. Ferguson announces that a Google group would be available soon to facilitate faculty communication.

Dr. Apperson announced members of this year's Faculty Status Committee; she is chair, and Lee Bidwell, Wade Edwards, Larissa Fergeson, and Pam Tracy are the other members. Alternates are Bill Stuart, Jackie Hall, Ruth Meese, and Lisa Kinzer. She explained the function of the committee (specified in the *FPPM*, J.1. p. 142).

Dr. Amoss called on Dr. McWee to introduce administrative changes—the return to full-time teaching for Dr. Tracy who led the Longwood Seminar, Dr. Goetz who led International Studies, and Dr. Alix Fink who was assistant director of the Honors Program. He called on Mr. Glenn Parker who introduced the assistant registrar, Mr. Shane Livingston, and technical specialist Ms. Alecia Knox. Dr. McWee also introduced Dr. Jennifer Abbassi, an ACE Fellow.

Dr. Jones presented

Ms. Fausten "Tena" Ewing, Lecturer in Fitness Concepts

Dr. Neal Holmes, Director of the Call Me MISTER Program

Dr. Ross presented those returning to Longwood this year:

Ms. Heather Edwards, Lecturer in French

Dr. Lily Goetz, Professor of Spanish

Ms. Juanita Hazelgrove, Lecturer in Mathematics

Dr. Christopher Gulgas, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Dr. Joe Garcia, Chairman of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences

Dr. Ed Kinman, Assistant Dean for Assessment

and the following new faculty:

Dr. Mary L. Carver, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Dr. Melody Eaton, Associate Professor of Nursing, Director of the Nursing Program, and Chair

Ms. Andrea Michele Keys, Assistant Professor of Art

Dr. Emily Lely, Lecturer in Biology

Dr. David Magill, Assistant Professor of English

Dr. John Miller, Assistant Professor of English

Dr. Gerald Montoya, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Mr. Matthew Prickett, Lecturer in English

Ms. Hadley Sporbert, Instructor of Nursing

Dr. Brett Szymik, Assistant Professor of Biology

Ms. Xiaohong Zhu, Instructor in Chinese

Dr. David Zuwerink, Lecturer in Biology

Dr. Barrett introduced

Dr. Ayse Nilgun Kaya, Assistant Professor of Marketing

Dr. Marilyn Morgan, Visiting Professor of Management

Dr. Scott A. Wentland, Visiting Professor of Economics

Dr. Coles announced that Dr. Steven Isaac has been awarded a Fulbright. Dr. Marks alerted the faculty to forthcoming sustainability events and efforts, Dr. Yeager announced that she has received quite a number of proposals for the upcoming Blackwell talks, and Dr. Tracy reminded faculty of Mr. Merkel's program on Saturday evening at 7:00.

Dr. Fergeson moved adjournment, and Dr. Amoss adjourned the meeting at 10:40.

Susan May