

President's Advisory Council Meeting

20 September 2016, 4:30 p.m.

Stallard Boardroom, Lancaster Building

Present: President Taylor Reveley, Bill Abrams, Rhonda Brock-Servais (recording), Sara Miller, Sarah Porter, Lissa Power-deFur, Bennie Waller

The entire meeting was devoted to the subject of Debate-related subjects.

The Faculty presented various complaints, inconveniences and difficulties that have resulted from Debate preparation, including but not limited to access, parking, class meetings, events, and the Rec Center.

The President's response was in time; he hopes these inconveniences will be forgotten and everyone will come to remember the positive aspects and be happy with what results from our playing host. Longwood is preparing students for civic life and can expect an up-tic in out of state students, which will mean more E & G funds.

While most agreed this was true, the consensus was that the acknowledgement of how difficult the day-to-day jobs had become would certainly be appreciated. Several ideas were put forward such as waiving parking or gym fees for a month, having golf carts available from more distant parking lots or allowing tours of the media center (today an email has invited faculty and staff to do just that).

Another issues was plans for follow-up after the Debate to capitalize on the publicity. The President responded that there have been changes to make events and speakers easier to organize. He believes we're "building muscle memory" with regard to big-name speakers. Finally, that the Debate-focused courses are a sort of pre-pre-pilot for the new Common Core.

The President further pointed out that this event has drawn together Longwood, Farmville, Hampton Sydney and Prince Edward in a way that hasn't happened previously and is quite positive.

At the request of a faculty member, Sarah Porter asked what the endowment was currently, and how the finances for the debate are shaping up. No direct answer about the endowment was forthcoming and what followed was a discussion on higher education finance in Virginia and which "pots" and "buckets" had been used to fund Debate-related projects. Pres. Reveley indicated that solely debate related expenditures (excluding capital projects that were already part of the master plan) have been funded strictly from the University's reserves budget (which is held by the state) and have remained on budget, about \$5.5 million.

Finally, Bill Abrams pointed out that Longwood University remains #10 on the U.S. News and World Report list of southern regional universities, but this isn't touted on the website.

The meeting ended at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Faithfully reported by your most humble and obedient servant, Rhonda Brock-Servais