

## President's Advisory Council Meeting

2 March 2016, 9 a.m.

Powell Conference Room, Maugans Alumni Center

Present: Taylor Reveley, Sarah Porter, Lissa Power-deFur, Rhonda Brock-Servais (recording), Bennie Waller

- The first agenda item was carried over from the previous meeting: Longwood's interaction and engagement with Prince Edward County Schools. The general consensus is that LU's involvement with the schools in Prince Edward and surrounding counties is ad hoc at best. Several examples of programs and individuals who have both succeeded and failed to engage with local schools were put forward. It is generally believed that a better relationship would be beneficial to both sides and perhaps a central organizing figure is needed. Some names were put forward as someone to begin the process of information gathering, most notably retired Provost Emeritus Ken Perkins. President Reveley said he'd speak with Ken on the subject.
- The second agenda item was presented by Dr. Power deFur. She expressed faculty concern about inequities between the colleges, more specifically about how money is spent and time is allocated. She noted, in particular, payment for Program Coordinators, overloads, and travel funding. President Reveley believes we need a "rational system" with regard to such things and is confident that things will change for a number of reasons: 1. the current attention being paid to workload issues for faculty. 2. The increasing orderliness of the budget and budgeting processes. 3. The Graduate Task Force and other groups.
- The final agenda item was an update from the President with regard to the State General Assembly. He prefaced his comments by saying that nothing was "hyper-particular" and that there will be some time before things are known for certain. With that caveat...
  - It seems likely that the new academic building (to be situated behind French) will be fully funded by the state. This building (which will contain a "re-invented Tea Room") may be online for the 2019/20 school year.
  - It looks like the state may award LU more operating money than last year.
  - When the state mandates "salary increases" for state employees, those are not necessarily funded and the institution must find the funds.

- He also expressed optimism about the General Assembly and believes they, on the whole, understand the importance of higher education.

The meeting ended at approximately 10:00 a.m.

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