

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 30, 2017, 3:30 PM
Maugans Martinelli Board Room

Dr. Porter called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm, and thanked Student Affairs for providing snacks.

The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Adam Franssen	Dr. Joan Neff
Dr. Ann Bailey	Dr. Elif Guler	Dr. Barbara Newton
Ms. Jennifer Beach	Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Adam Paulek
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Kellyn Hall	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. Ang Blanchette	Mr. Jeff Halliday	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Mr. Carl Harvey	Dr. Sarah Porter
Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs	Dr. Connie Koski	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Roger Byrne	Mrs. Claire LaRoche	Ms. Lauren Rice
Dr. Mary Carver	Dr. Mary Lehman	Dr. Carl Riden
Dr. Paul Chapman	Dr. Kyle Levers	Mr. Brent Roberts
Dr. Karla Collins	Dr. Brett Martz	Dr. Bennie Waller
Dr. Alix Fink	Dr. Lisa Minor	Dr. Linda Wright

Also present were Dr. David Shoenthal, Dr. Naomi Johnson-Tsigaridas, Ms. Jessie Znosko, Ms. Kathy Charleston.

Members not present were Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Patricia Horne-Hastings, Mr. Samuel Kane, Ms. Jessica Morris, Dr. Tim OKeefe, and Pres. Taylor Reveley.

The minutes from the November 02, 2017, meeting were approved as posted.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Bill Abrams to report on the EPC. Dr. Abrams stated that all items are information items. Dr. Porter asked if anyone had questions. There were none.

Dr. Porter called on Mr. Jeff Halliday to discuss on the Finance and Planning Report. Mr. Halliday stated that the Finance and Planning Report can be found on the Faculty Senate website on the Proposals and Reports page. The report includes a link to the audio recording of the Budget Forum meeting on October 30, 2017. Dr. Claire LaRoche provided financial documents that show university reserve funds have dropped from \$47 million to \$14.5 million, with capital project spending to leave a balance of \$7.4 million by the end of the fiscal year. This is lower than the proposed SCHEV recommendation of a \$15 to \$20 million reserve. According to remarks made in the addendum to the President's Advisory Council minutes President Reveley stated he decided to deploy the reserve funds to drive university enrollment. This is a view also held by the previous Interim President of Longwood University, who has an extensive banking background. Also discussed were current and projected enrollment figures; the increase in the university budget from \$100 to \$130 million in less than five years; the university budget shortfall of \$818 thousand, benefits to classified positions; and a discussion of E&G funds and how they can be used.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Karla Collins to report on the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council would like to change the Graduate Council membership to incorporate a member from each graduate program to better represent the program. Dr. Porter called for a vote. The measure was approved unanimously.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. David Shoenthal to discuss the proposed change from the Academic Chairs Council regarding the Criteria for Faculty Evaluation. The addition makes it clear that criteria for annual evaluations should be modified to address a faculty member's sabbatical or Connections leave and lays

out the expectations before that leave begins. Dr. Porter called for a vote on the proposal. Vote was unanimous in favor of the change.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Lissa Power de-Fur to report on the Message to the Board of Visitors. At the Senate meeting of November 02, 2017, it was agreed the Faculty Senate Executive Committee would draft a letter to the Board of Visitors outlining the concerns of faculty with regard to the Academic Affairs (AA) budget. Provost Neff updated the Senate on the budget issue and indicated there was movement on the issue by the President. He is interested in looking at a more holistic approach to funding AA. There was continued debate all aspects of what to include, the timing of the letter, and a concern that the Board be encouraged to support the issue on the policy level, not the operational level. The Senate worked on amending the final paragraph of the letter. There were several parliamentary procedures in which the question was called. Dr. Porter made a motion on whether to give the letter to Dr. Power de-Fur to read to the BOV. It was seconded. A motion was made for a roll call on the vote. There were no seconds and motion was dropped. The vote was taken. All were in favor except for one no vote. The motion passed. A copy of the letter will be emailed tomorrow morning to all faculty, so everyone will have an opportunity to see what will be presented to the Board of Visitors on December 1, 2017, at the Board of Visitors meeting.

There were no announcements and no new business.

Dr. Abrams made a notion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Porter adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Anderson