

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2018, 3:30 PM
Greenwood Library 209 A&B

Dr. Porter called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm, and thanked the College of Business and Economics for providing snacks.

The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Alix Fink	Dr. Barbara Newton
Dr. Ann Bailey	Dr. Adam Franssen	Dr. Tim OKeefe
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	Ms. Lacy Klinger	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. Connie Koski	Dr. Carl Riden
Dr. Mary Carver	Mrs. Claire LaRoche	Mr. Brent Roberts
Dr. Paul Chapman	Dr. Mary Lehman	Dr. Ryan Stouffer
Dr. Karla Collins	Dr. Kyle Levers	Dr. Sean Ruday
Dr. Lara Fergeson	Dr. Brett Martz	Dr. Bennie Waller

Also present were Ms. Joanna Baker, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Ms. Ashley Crute, Ms. Trisha Durbin, Dr. Wade Edwards, Dr. Jennifer Green, Dr. Elif Guler, Ms. Ashley Leslie, Dr. Julie Mersiowsky, and Dr. David Shoenthal.

Members not present were Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Patricia Horne-Hastings, Mr. Samuel Kane, Dr. Lisa Minor, Ms. Jessica Morris, Pres. Taylor Reveley, Dr. Linda Wright.

The minutes from the November 30, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

Dr. Sarah Porter introduced Interim Provost and VPAA, Dr. Lara Fergeson. Dr. Fergeson has been teaching at Longwood for 18 years, and previously served as the chair of Faculty Senate. Dr. Fergeson will address the Academic Affairs budget issue and will be reaching out to departments to determine their immediate budgetary needs. She will focus attention on the budget for FY19 and the core curriculum.

Dr. Sarah Porter called on Dr. Onie McKenzie, Assistant VP for Student Affairs, to discuss the results of the NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement). The highlights of the report were discussed. Longwood is mentioned over 27 times as having had a positive result for students, and had a response rate of 41%, more than other colleges and universities. Dr. McKenzie encouraged everyone to review the report in full.

Dr. Porter called on Ms. Ashley Crute, Director of Scholarships, to discuss the AcademicWorks program launch. She informed everyone that there are 378 scholarship opportunities now available to students through this software. Once the student's personal statement is completed, the software can match the student with the scholarship opportunity. The program launches February 15. Student statements must be completed by March 15, and will be reviewed by April 15. Ms. Crute asked for input to see how the program can be improved. She also mentioned Longwood's Day of Giving is March 27, and asked everyone to participate.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Wade Edwards to discuss the Academic Chair's Council proposals. The first proposal is to the grade appeal process. Most importantly, the Faculty Senate was taken out of the process. Dr. Porter asked if there were questions. There were none. The proposal passed with no opposition.

The next proposal was to a change in Faculty Evaluations. Faculty will work with their chairs prior to taking leave and address how that will affect evaluations. There were no questions. The proposal passed unanimously.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Lissa Power-deFur, Faculty Representative to BOV, to discuss her proposal to change the term of office for the BOV representative. There are four changes: the term should be two years, with one re-election possible; the election of the new member should take place in the spring not fall; the elected member must be tenured faculty; and the language should match language in the Faculty Senate By-Laws. A motion was made to amend the term limit language to match the language in the Faculty Senate by-laws on page 279 (FPPM 2017-2018). The amendment passed unanimously. The amended proposal passed unanimously. Dr. Porter reminded Senators that fifty-five percent of the faculty must attend the Faculty Senate March meeting to reach a quorum and vote on the Senate approved change in the by-laws. If it passes it will then go to the Board of Visitors for approval. Senators were asked to encourage their faculty to attend the March meeting.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Bill Abrams to report on the EPC (Committee on Educational Policy.) The following four program changes were passed without opposition: Communications; GEOG and EASC 495; HLTH 675; and Economics. Full details are posted on the Faculty Senate web page on the Proposals and Reports page. Every undergraduate program needs to submit program change forms for the new Core Curriculum. The new curriculum software will be available soon and will allow chairs to proofread the information online.

Dr. Porter called on Mr. Jeff Halliday to provide the Finance and Planning Committee Report. Mr. Halliday discussed the results of the UPC meeting held on January 30, 2018. Moody's Investor Service, downgraded Longwood's bond issue rating for the second time. On January 11, 2018, the administration of Longwood responded to articles about the downgrade in the Farmville Herald and the Washington Post. Mr. Ken Copeland will meet with a Moody's representative next week to discuss the issue. Mr. Copeland also discussed the reduction in the university reserve funds. Mr. Halliday asked for an accounting on both issues. The Board of Visitors would like to keep the reserves between 12 to 15 million. A risk benefit summary of reserve fund expenditures will be forthcoming. The question of the \$800 thousand shortfall in the budget was raised. President Reveley was reported to cite the tuition shortfall last fall as the reason. There were 396 empty beds last fall, and Virginia universities are competing for a diminishing resource. It appears that tuition must now increase to cover the shortfall; the amount of the increase has not been determined. There was concern that this might also lead to a hiring freeze. On a positive note, Virginia State appropriation for education is more positive this year. President Reveley stated his willingness to participate in future budget forums. A Spring Budget Forum will take place and will be sponsored by the AAU&P; date to be determined.

Announcements and new business-

Dr. Porter announced that Spring Research Day will take place on April 24. Registration is now available online. Registration is open to class and individual research. A call will go out to find a keynote who was an alumni and engaged in research while at Longwood. Please keep young faculty in mind.

The Faculty Awards Committee is requesting nominations for Faculty Awards. The deadline for submissions is February 19, 2018.

The Core Curriculum Naming Committee is asking for submissions. Please send ideas to Dr. Lissa Power de-Fur, Dr. Charles White, or Dr. Wade Edwards.

Dr. Abrams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Porter adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Anderson