

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Thursday, April 6, 2023, 3:30pm  
Martinelli Boardroom

Dr. Virginia Lewis called the meeting to order at 3:34pm. The following members were present:

Dr. Robert Blaisdell	Dr. Bill Burger	Dr. Roger Byrne
Dr. Darrell Carpenter	Dr. Mary Carver	Dr. Scott Cole
Dr. Karla Collins	Dr. Jackie Daniel	Mr. Donovan Douglas
Dr. Kathy Gee	Dr. Brandon Haffner	Dr. Kari Hampton
Dr. Alec Hosterman	Dr. Tai Johnson	Dr. Roland Karnatz
Dr. Chris Kukk	Claire LaRoche, J.D.	Dr. Dina Leech
Dr. Virginia Lewis	Dr. Evan Long	Dr. Dan Michael
Mr. Cameron Patterson	Dr. JoEllen Pederson	Dr. Jeannie Perry
Dr. Sarah Reynolds	Dr. Tim Ritzert	Ms. Annette Rosado-Figueroa
Dr. Larissa Smith	Dr. Shawn Smith	Dr. Toni Sorrell
Dr. Bruce Speas	Ms. Mallory Talbert	Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson
Dr. Wendy Thompson	Dr. Ronda Walker	Dr. Haley Woznyj
Dr. Andrew Yeagley	Ms. Teresa Dodson, Recorder	

Also present were – Dr. Bill Abrams, Mr. Josh Blakely, Dr. Audrey Church, Dr. Adam Franssen, Ms. Susan Hines, Ms. Ashley Leslie, Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust, Dr. David Shoenthal

The minutes from the [March 2, 2023](#) Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Jennifer Green gave an update on admissions. Covid is still impacting enrollment, but our numbers this year look very promising. Currently we are doing well, and our deposit numbers are ahead of last year's numbers. Completed applications are up by 22% compared to last year. With the positive upswing in numbers, admissions is cautiously optimistic they will reach their projected goal for incoming students.

Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson reviewed the [EPC Report](#) – There were 4 action items to be voted on – all 4 items passed.

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1. CSDS 497: Roles, Responsibilities, and Competencies of the SLPA (credit hour change)

<https://longwood.curriculog.com/proposal:2515/form>

2. ECON 461: Senior Research Experience (credit hour change)

<https://longwood.curriculog.com/proposal:2521/form>

3. Nursing, BSN; RN to BSN Degree Completion (closing program)

<https://longwood.curriculog.com/proposal:2519/form>

4. Reverse Transfer Policy

<https://longwood.curriculog.com/proposal:2518/form>

Action Item – [FPPM VI GG. Student Showcase Organizing Committee](#) – Dr. Virginia Lewis called for any further discussion on the proposed change. There being no discussion, the change passed.

Action Item – Promotion and Tenure Policies and Procedures Committee Proposals. Dr. Virginia Lewis reviewed the proposals for [FPPM Section III.AA –Delivery of Evaluation Letters to Dean](#) and [FPPM Section III.U & FPPM Section III.AA portfolio completeness reviews](#). Dr. Lewis opened the floor for any additional discussion. There being no discussion, both proposals passed.

Discussion Item - [FPPM II. T. Online Hybrid Proposal](#) Dr. Virginia Lewis explained that the proposal was drafted to provide improvements and enhancements to the online course review process and address faculty concerns regarding the current policy which allows for only one option for course review using “a nationally recognized rubric.” Longwood currently uses the Quality Matters process. The proposal adds an “or” and allows for course reviews to be done using the Longwood Distance Education Checklist. Some language was moved that was already in the policy to be better organized and unneeded language was deleted. Dr. Lewis opened the floor for discussion. Dr. JoEllen Pederson thanked the committee for all their hard work. There was a short discussion. The proposal will move forward to a vote at the final senate meeting of the year.

Discussion Item - [FPPM V. E. Maria Bristow Starke Faculty Excellence Award](#) – Some of the language in regard to the makeup of the committee is not necessary. Dr. Lewis opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, the proposal will move forward to a vote at the final senate meeting of the year.

Discussion Item - [FPPM V. II. University Lectures Committee](#) – Dr. Kari Hampton explained the reason for the proposal to discontinue the committee. The committee was created to provide additional opportunities for faculty to provide lectures on a wide range of topics. Over the last several years there have been other lecture series created to include the Blackwell talks and other research colloquia. Faculty participation and student attendance has decreased. With the increase in other opportunities and the decrease in participation this lecture series is not supported at this time. There being no discussion, the proposal will move forward to a vote at the final senate meeting of the year.

Discussion Item - [Advisory Committee for the Office of Student Research](#) – Dr. Smith explained the reason for the creation of the committee is because as the Office of Student Research continues to expand its programs and initiatives, a formalized advisory committee is needed. Many decisions currently, are being made by an ad hoc committee, called the Student Research Advisory Council. Now that the OSR is a well-established office a formalized advisory committee should be formed. The advisory committee will advise on decisions regarding student research and travel grants, faculty excellence in mentoring awards, and other OSR initiatives. The committee will serve as a liaison with the colleges and campus partners. After a short discussion, it was determined that some revisions to the proposal need to be made. The revisions will be submitted by the next senate meeting and the revised proposal will move forward to a vote.

Discussion Item - [Advisory Committee for Brock Experiences](#) – Dr. Smith reviewed this proposal. The creation of the Advisory Committee for the Office of Brock Experiences for Transformative Learning is necessary to allow for enhanced faculty governance in this academic program, and to align the office with similar processes as other programs in Academic Affairs. The committee is similar to other advisory committees for CAFÉ’ and for Faculty-Led Short-Term Study Abroad experiences. After a short discussion, it was determined that some revisions to the proposal need to be made. The revisions will be submitted by the next senate meeting and the revised proposal will move forward to a vote.

Discussion Item - [FPPM CHC Review of Lecturers and Honors Advisory Committee](#) – Dr. Smith reviewed the history of this proposal. The proposal was originally presented to Senate in April 2022, discussed again at the September 2022 Senate meeting, and sent back to the Honors Advisory Committee for additional revisions. The revised proposal clarifies that faculty members of the Honors Advisory Committee along with a faculty member from the Lecturer’s department will comprise the promotion review committee. After a short discussion, it was determined that additional revisions should be made.

Discussion Item - [FPPM III. M. III T. Practitioner Proposal](#) – Dr. Smith explained that the creation of a practitioner rank in non-Tenure-track faculty, would give the ability to hire qualified full-time faculty in certain disciplines. Hiring in some of these areas has been difficult, due to lack of faculty with the terminal degree. The new rank would allow qualified candidates who don’t possess a terminal degree but do bring substantial professional experience to a continuing, non-tenure-track role. This role could benefit areas in all three academic colleges where hiring a qualified candidate with a terminal degree has been challenging, but whose

industry or professional experience would allow for up-to-date and practical disciplinary knowledge in the classroom as well as the opportunity for students to engage with those professional experiences sooner or more often. This option for more flexibility in non-tenure-track roles reflects the most direct path to such a rank. After a lengthy discussion between members weighing the pros and cons of this new position, it was encouraged that members bring the proposal back to their departments to gather more insight on other faculty's thoughts. It will be brought back to the next Senate meeting where it will be determined then, how to move forward.

Discussion Item - [FPPM Section II. C. Grading Timing Change](#) – Dr. Jeannine Perry explained that this proposal with the change in wording, would align how much time elapses between the end of courses which are not full semester undergraduate courses and when grades are due. This change would have a three-day turnaround time for all such courses. In particular, it would allow for fewer issues in graduate programs in the transition between spring and summer. There being no discussion, this proposal will move to a vote next senate meeting.

Discussion Item - [FPPM III. L. Graduate Faculty Section Replacement](#) – Dr. Jeannine Perry explained that this proposed change would decrease unnecessary complexity in levels and definitions, increase clarity of definition of graduate faculty, outline some of the primary responsibilities of graduate faculty, and ensure an annual process is in place to identify faculty (and adjuncts) who will be teaching graduate coursework. The new Section III.L will replace the existing section. There being no discussion, this proposal will move to a vote next senate meeting.

Announcements –

Dr. Lara Smith

- Thanked Jackie Daniel for role in leading the work in the closure of the BSN program
- Another faculty wind down session is being planned for the end of the year.
- Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, location TBA – Budget Forum and Grad/Undergrad Enrollment Presentation is being planned. Information will be sent soon.

Mr. Cam Patterson

- SGA election season is complete. For the first time in recent history there was a runoff for SGA President, Meredith Foster, Class of 2025 and Ty Copeland, Class of 2024. Meredith Foster won the runoff election and will be the SGA President next year. Ty Copeland will be a part of the SGA Executive Team. SGA will have their inauguration ceremony on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Dr. Virginia Lewis

- Thank you to Dr. Jeannine Perry and Graduate Studies for today's senate snacks.
- Email will go out tomorrow for nominations for the 2023-24 executive committee.
- Reminder to all committee chairs that annual reports are due.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Dodson