

Spring Faculty Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2010
Hiner 207

Dr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

The minutes of the opening faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Amoss called for nominations for a faculty representative to the Faculty Senate of Virginia. Dr. Miskec nominated Dr. Fergeson who declined the nomination. Dr. Tarpley nominated Dr. Blauvelt. Dr. Abrams moved the nominations be closed. There were no objections, and Dr. Blauvelt was elected.

Dr. Amoss recognized Mrs. Waller who gave an update on campus construction. Jarman should be finished in August. The Bedford additions are scheduled for completion in May 2011 after which the old part of the facility will undergo renovations which should be completed in the summer of 2012. Work is in progress on a porch behind Blackwell, after which work will begin on the mezzanine, lasting from mid-April to mid-June. The whole heating plant project will be completed later this spring. Work is under way now on the third floor of Stevens. Work on the elevator will take place this summer, and the lab for the nursing program should be online this August. The vehicular and pedestrian bridges to Lancer Park should be completed in late May or early June. The Willett roof is scheduled for early summer completion. Mrs. Waller says they are working on reducing the noise this project has been causing as classes proceed in Willett Hall. Frazer is scheduled for new sanitary lines this summer. The project for converting French to a home for IITS has been funded. Design work will take place this year, and construction will begin in the fall of 2011. All but the shell of French will go.

Dr. Amoss then gave his report on the work of the Senate for the 2009-2010 year. He pointed out that most of the work of the faculty is accomplished by the Senate committees who report recommendations to the Senate for action. The EPC, in addition to its routine work, forwarded for approval a new 5-year bachelor's/master's program in criminology. The committee also recommended revival of the Bachelor of General Studies degree, and those proposals both received approval. Changes in the General Education program included the deletion of Goal 12, which will go into effect in the fall of 2011. The EPC also proposed a new Senate committee, the Committee on Academic Outcomes and Assessment Review, which will review and provide feedback on program reviews and bolster the faculty's role in "evaluation of the curriculum" (a SACS term).

Clarifications of some sections of the *FPPM* have been approved. The Faculty Development Committee and the Committee on P&T Policies and Procedures have both submitted revisions which have been approved.

The faculty and the Faculty Senate were involved this year in several ways in the presidential search. The Executive Committee held focus groups for the faculty to identify characteristics candidates should have and talked to the search consultant about what they had learned. The last Senate meeting in April became a faculty forum when the then rector, Marge Connelly, came and heard faculty members' ideas for and concerns about Longwood and its future. The Senate members divided into three groups, each focused on a different area, to meet with candidates when they were on campus. The faculty as a whole attended open forums when the candidates were on campus.

The Senate Executive Committee last year appointed an ad hoc committee on Faculty Senate Self-Assessment and Long-range Planning which gathered information from faculty to produce a report on the state of the university and on the operation of the Senate. Dr. Fergeson and Dr. Stuart presented their report to the faculty, the Senate, the Cabinet, the President, and the search consultant. Some of the changes are under way. Others which would require changes in the by-laws, will be studied soon.

There were no questions. There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Susan May