

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2023, 3:30pm

Dr. Andrew Yeagley called the meeting to order at 3:32pm. The following members were present:

Ms. Kayla Adcock	Dr. Jennifer Hutchinson	Mr. Cam Patterson
Dr. Kat Alves	Dr. Tai Johnson	Mr. Adam Paulek
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. Roland Karnatz	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Chris Kukk	Ms. Sarah Reynolds
Dr. Robert Blaisdell	Claire LaRoche, J.D.	Ms. Annette Rosado-Figueroa
Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. Jeff Ledford	Dr. Larissa Smith
Dr. Darrell Carpenter	Dr. Dina Leech	Dr. Toni Sorrell
Dr. Scott Grether	Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust	Dr. Wendy Thompson
Dr. Kari Hampton	Dr. Evan Long	Dr. Ronda Walker
Dr. Eric Hodges	Dr. Angela McDonald	Dr. Haley Woznyj
Dr. Alec Hosterman	Ms. Sara Neher	Dr. Andrew Yeagley

Recorder: Ms. Ashley Long

Also present were –

Mr. Josh Blakely, Dr. Audrey Church, Dr. Jennifer Green, Ms. Susan Hines, Dr. David Shoenthal

The minutes from the [October 26, 2023](#) Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

In the absence of Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson, Dr. Yeagley reviewed the [EPC Report](#) – there was one action item to be voted on and that item passed.

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1. [Academic Regulations – GR](#) (academic regulation change)

Action Item – [FPPM III GG 4b Change Faculty Connection Due Date](#) was voted on and passed with no additional discussion.

Dr. Jennifer Green provided an update on the progress of the current admissions cycle in place of Mr. Jason Ferguson who is out on the road with the Admissions team. She began her update with an explanation, description, and some of the nuances of the “Radford Promise” that is circulating the news at this time. She went on to say that Longwood has been providing this type of service to our students and families for many years now through the [merit scholarships](#).

Admissions has moved away from rolling admission to a December deadline driven release of decisions. This change aligns Longwood with their competitors and assists high school counselors work load. The department is also working with the college deans to provide meaningful communication to the admitted students while ensuring that faculty are able to spend their time building relationships with the students.

She continued by saying that since COVID, Admissions has changed their counselor model to region based. The counselors are positioned in areas where they can build relationships with high school counselors, families and students by attending community events, taking high school counselors to dinner and meeting with students one on one. These counselors are not right out of college and are seasoned in their practice which allows them to have informal and formal conversations with the various groups.

She highlighted the immersion day events that took place in the fall which yielded a high number of freshmen. These events provide an opportunity for students to engage in the major of their choice and interact directly with faculty. Meanwhile, the families are attending sessions learning about how to pay for college.

Dr. Green provided information on the overhaul that FAFSA is currently undergoing and noted that it will not be back online until the end of December. The changes include a decrease in the number of questions and how they calculate the student aid index. All students have received information regarding this change directly from Dr. Green. She is encouraging students to apply for their FSA ID now to prepare to complete the FAFSA once it becomes available.

To conclude her update, she announced that Financial Aid has relocated from Brock Hall to Radcliff Hall in an effort to provide a more streamlined experience to perspective students, families and current students. Financial Aid is also providing office hours, to include after hours, for students and families to sign up to speak directly with a financial aid officer for assistance.

Announcements –

Dr. Smith thanked everyone for their hard work on the fall Symposium and Research Day and commented on how magical it is to watch the students use the skills that the faculty have worked so hard to teach them. She also announced that contracts with 2% raises will go out no later than the last week of classes.

Mr. Cam Patterson

- Final exam test request forms through ARO are due on Tuesday.
- Madeline Schutt, Director of Accessibility Resources will be returning from maternity leave after Thanksgiving.
- Students that need accommodations in dorms over Thanksgiving break and apartment communities over winter break need to go through the intent to stay process with residential life. Faculty that have afternoon classes on Tuesday, November 19 should encourage those students to register through that process so they don't have any issues getting back into their dorms after 6pm.
- Holiday Tree lighting is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving break at 5:30pm in the Rotunda.
- First Gen Student Resource Lounge will be available in the Upchurch third floor beginning in January.

The question was raised as to when the administrator evaluations for deans, provost, and department chairs would be made available and Dr. Smith announced that those will launch on Monday, November 20 and will remain open until Monday, December 11.

Ms. Sarah Reynolds announced that the library has added the Washington Post including the WP app to their resources. More information can be found at [this article](#).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Long