

February 7, 2008  
Library 147 A&B

Dr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. Evelyn Hume	Dr. Keith Rider
Dr. Wendell Barbour	Dr. Debra Kelley	Dr. Jim Riley
Dr. Sarah Bingham	Dr. Ed Kinman	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Vonnie Colvin	Dr. Pat Lust	Dr. David Shoenthal
Dr. Roy Creasey	Dr. Robert Lynch	Dr. Pam Tracy
Dr. Larissa Fergeson	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Bennie Waller
Ms. Melinda Fowlkes	Ms. Sharon Menegoni	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Bill Harbour	Dr. Don Merkle	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Sue Hildebrandt	Dr. Kelly Nelson	
Ms. Tammy Hines	Dr. Tim Pierson	

Members not in attendance were Dr. Linwood Cousins, Dr. Deneese Jones, Dr. Jeffery Peden, Dr. Sue McCullough, Dr. Wayne McWee, Ms. Sharon Menegoni, and Ms. Elizabeth Dotson.

Others present were Dr. Bill Abrams, Mr. Dustin Dwyer sitting in for Ms. Dotson, Dr. Mary Lehman, Dr. Susan Lynch, Dr. Geoffrey Orth, Dr. Ken Perkins, Dr. Sally Scott, Ms. Gladys Smith, and Ms. Sarah Whitley.

The minutes for December 6, 2007, were approved with the addition of Dr. Vonnie Colvin to the attendance list. The minutes and all documents referred to in these minutes are posted on the Senate web page ([www.longwood.edu/senate](http://www.longwood.edu/senate)).

Dr. Kinman presented information items in the EPC report for December 2007 and January 2008, and there were no questions. For the Committee he moved the approval of the General Education policy change removing a reference to a specific test for Goal 10 courses. The motion carried. On behalf of the committee he moved the approval of a change in the reporting time for the grade of "W" from noon to 5:00 p.m. The motion carried. He moved the approval of changing the current requirement of providing grade estimates for all freshmen and all other students making below C- to requiring the reporting of only "D" and "F" grades only for all students including freshmen. After considerable discussion of the consequences for advising and retention, the motion was defeated. Dr. Kinman moved the approval of establishing the grade of CR for granting 2 hours of PHED 101 credit for military service. The motion carried.

For the Faculty Awards Committee Dr. Shoenthal moved the approval of the establishment of three faculty awards, a Junior Faculty Teaching Award, a Leadership and Service Award, and a Scholarship Award. The motion carried.

For the Promotion and Tenure Policies and Procedures Committee Dr. Colvin moved the approval of revisions clarifying the addressees and routes of letters of recommendation, and adjusting the timetable to provide more time for the Provost's review. The motion carried. Dr. Susan Lynch, chair of the committee, called attention to the committee's recommendations for future study and clarification.

Dr. Amoss called on Dr. Orth who presented for discussion and questions a proposal for an Honors College at the University to be housed in Wheeler Hall. He said that public comprehensive colleges are going to this model which should help with recruitment and retention

of honors students. Only one of the positions mentioned in the proposal is completely new, and funding for the Honors College will be largely from private funds. Several donors have already been making major contributions to the program.

Dr. Orth also addressed information items for Dr. McWee who could not be present. The planning and curriculum development for the proposed Nursing Program are being funded by a \$400,000.00 grant from the Tobacco Council. Positions for the program would come after the curriculum is approved; no positions would come from other University programs. Questions were raised about lab space (currently planned for the second floor of Stevens) and library resources. Dr. Orth noted that Centra Health, the parent organization of Southside Community Hospital, has offered to provide lab space and equipment for the program.

On the topic of the budget Dr. Orth emphasized that at the current time higher education was exempt from the governor's hiring freeze. Despite a 200 million dollar shortfall in the current fiscal year, the University has not yet been asked to make additional cuts, but there will be no new positions. Bedford renovation, the Communications/Theatre building, and the bond for South Ruffner and Tabb renovation are still on track, and at this point no restrictions on tuition increases have been announced.

The Longwood Seminar and First-Year Committees are using the theme of sustainability for the coming year, and the First-Year Committee will choose one of two texts, *Radical Simplicity* or *Wisdom for a Livable Planet*, as the required summer reading text for all incoming freshmen. Faculty will be encouraged to build the theme into their classes.

Dr. Amoss called on Dr. Perkins who reported on the current plans for a Student Success Area, plans arrived at through a bottom-up approach. The focus would be on undeclared majors and on students in need of intervention and support, groups which experience high attrition rates, by aiding students with the transition to the college experience. At the center of the program is the integration of advising and career planning, but the center would also help with internship placement and adviser training. The proposal generated considerable interest and support, as well as encouragement to do better at finding out why academically able students leave Longwood.

Dr. Amoss announced that in response to a request from Dr. McWee, the Senate Executive Committee was in the process of developing a statement for the *Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual* on dual relationships.

Dr. Waller moved adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Susan May