Faculty Senate Meeting Thursday, October 9, 2014 3:30, Nance Room

Dr. Lehr called the meeting to order at 3:30 and thanked the College of Graduate and Professional Studies for the delicious snacks.

The following members were present:

Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. Jackie Hall
Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. Jeff Halliday
Dr. David Buckalew	Dr. Susan Lynch
Dr. Phil Cantrell	Dr. David Magill
Dr. Mary Carver	Dr. Brett Martz
Dr. Audrey Church	Dr. Sara Miller
Ms. Cynthia Crews	Dr. Jake Milne
Dr. Kevin Doyle	Dr. Kelly Nelson
Ms. Hannah Fielder	Ms. Suzy Palmer

Dr. Ken Perkins Dr. Jeannine Perry Dr. Sarah Porter Dr. Sean Ruday Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina Ms. Mary Stebbins Dr. Chris Swanson Dr. Larissa Tracy

Members not present were Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Ayse Balas, Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Alix Fink, Dr. David Hardin, Ms. Amanda McLellan, Dr. Claire Mowling, Dr. Chris Register. Also present were Ms. Cathy Charleston, Ms. Jen Fraley, Dr. Mark Lenker, and Dr. Jo Morrison.

The minutes for September 18, 2014, were approved as posted.

For EPC Dr. Abrams moved the approval of a change in course credits for KINS 486. The motion <u>passed</u>. He moved a change in the submission of proposals that eliminates the need to include current catalog copy and the new catalog copy. The current catalog copy should be given with changes indicted by **bold**, strike throughs, and *italics*. The motion <u>passed</u>. (EPC report posted on the web page.)

Dr. White reported for the Senate Finance and Planning Committee that the cut in Longwood's funding from the state has been cut from 5% to less than half of that. We don't yet know, however, when and if the final word on cuts will be forthcoming. As a result, the UPC will probably not meet before January to allocate resources to the priorities identified last spring. (His report is posted on the web page.) He reminded Senators to remind faculty to provide feedback to Dr. Morrison on the campus master plan (posted on the Senate web page under reports).

Dr. Lehr introduced Ms. Fraley who gave informative background on the Title IX initiatives at the University. She is responsible for all 10 areas of Title IX but was here to discuss in particular the area of sexual harassment which includes stalking, intimate partner violence, retaliation, etc. There has been an uptick in reported cases in the last two years, probably the result of campus education and national attention to the issue. Cases must be handled within 60 days. Investigators (20 trained faculty and staff members) present their findings to both the complainant and the respondent, and if there is cause, the respondent either accepts responsibility and the sanction or challenges the finding. Then the case goes before a University Hearing Board. There is an appeals board beyond that. She referred particular questions about the handling of faculty cases to Ms. Wickizer in Human Relations.

Dr. Lehr called on Ms. Palmer to give an update on the library. She says the one-desk system is going well and is an evolving system which will change as more librarians are available. It is intended to free librarians to work with students and faculty rather than manning specific stations in the library. The library is also working cooperatively with the DEC. She is hoping to increase library hours to 24/5 eventually. Ms. Palmer also addressed library understaffing at the present time. Several searches are in progress, but there have been some set-backs. One search last summer failed. Another resulted in a hire but just before the person was to come to Longwood he/she? took another job. Ms. Palmer thinks that it is perhaps location rather than salary that makes it difficult to fill positions.

Dr. Tracy for the graduate committee moved acceptance of an increase to \$100.00 in the graduate student admission offer deposit to avoid the confusion arising from two \$50.00 fees, one for application, another at the time of admission. The motion was seconded and <u>passed</u>.

Dr. Lehr made two announcements:

- 1. Faculty who have final exams on the last Friday of the exam period may have until Monday noon to get the grades for that exam to the Registrar.
- 2. The search for a PVPAA is under way. The ad has been placed in several places and there are about three dozen applicants so far. The next meeting will be on Oct. 31 to assess where we are, and in the week before classes begin in January the committee hopes to have skype interviews.

Under new business, Ms. Fielder said that SGA hopes that when students plan to attend conferences, they approach their department chairs for funding before coming to SGA. They should go to the chairs with a form, and then bring the form to the SGA for any needed supplementary support.

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