

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2008
Library 147 A&B

Dr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Eric Moore
Dr. Paul Barrett	Dr. Jim Haug	Dr. Gene Muto
Dr. Vonnie Colvin	Dr. Chene Heady	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Linwood Cousins	Dr. Ryan Hebert	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Roy Creasey	Dr. Sue Hildebrandt	Dr. David Shoenthal
Ms. Kerri Cushman	Dr. Debra Kelley	Dr. Pam Tracy
Dr. Larissa Ferguson	Dr. Ed Kinman	
Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Wayne McWee	

Members not attending were Dr. Wendell Barbour, Dr. Mikie Flanigan, Ms. Tammy Hines, Dr. Chris Jones, Dr. Deneese Jones, Dr. Rená Koesler, Dr. Anthony Koyzis, Dr. Keith Rider, Dr. Jim Riley, Ms. Kathy Worster, and Mr. Jordan Miles. Ms. Emily Van Daniker sat in for Mr. Miles, and others present were Mr. Sam Bowles, Dr. Gretchen Braun, Ms. Melissa Short, Mr. Bob Smith, and Mr. Skip Usry.

The minutes of the meeting on October 16, 2008, were approved as posted.

Dr. McWee emphasized several points in discussing the Institutional Performance Standards. SCHEV is interested in access, cost of attendance, retention, graduation, and efficiency of faculty. Institutions are to increase access for the underrepresented population. The target for next year is 1077 students. Fortunately Longwood is geographically situated to appeal to that population. In addition, SCHEV wants higher retention rates, and the retention rate is figured on the percentage of students progressing from one year to the next academic year. One measure of faculty efficiency will be the number of graduates per FTE faculty. Dr. McWee stressed that while these things seem unimportant, they are very important because future funding will be tied to success in those areas.

Dr. McWee's second topic was the Faculty Development Center. It cannot be housed in French because the state has approved that as an information technology center only, housing computer services, the telephone switch, radio station, and TV studio for Communication Studies. The basement level of Coyner could be available, but that can't take place before the completion of the French renovation. Dr. Koyzis, who has experience with faculty development centers, will be meeting with the advisory board members soon. Dr. Koyzis can provide some funding and the library may be able to provide some space, but there is no money for a director this year.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Kinman who reported information items from EPC (posted on the web page).

Dr. Amoss called on Ms. Short who talked about the IITS policy changes posted on Blackboard and welcomed faculty comments and suggestions. She explained that some policies were obsolete and therefore deleted, others needed modification to take into account new developments and audit issues, and she said that at the end of the comment period (Dec. 12) the policies will be revised taking into consideration those comments. The revisions and all the comments will be posted on Blackboard for the faculty to view. This process is taking place before the policies go forward to the Board of Visitors in March. This is the process that will be followed in the future for policy changes.

Dr. Amoss called on Mr. Smith to respond to faculty concerns about being unable to receive University e-mail on personal cell phones. A faculty member was told that if she had a Longwood phone, she could receive that mail, but of course the budget precludes the University's buying phones for the faculty. This is a VITA regulation that prohibits Commonwealth data from residing on non-Commonwealth devices. It must be transmitted through OWA. There is an exception process, but it involves a tremendous amount of paper work and the decision is at the discretion of VITA. A question was raised about whether an individual could buy a phone and donate it to the state and then borrow it. Mr. Smith was unsure of the answer to that question.

Dr. Amoss then called on Mr. Usry to talk about textbook issues, and Mr. Usry explained the tremendous benefit to students of being able to buy used books, especially in these economically difficult times. Next week the bookstore will start ordering used books for next semester, and the more book orders that are completed, the more savings the store can provide for the students.

Under new business Dr. Fergeson announced that the Executive Committee was going to undertake an assessment of and long-term planning for the Senate. They are interested in faculty perceptions of the Senate, faculty needs, and transforming the Senate from a reactive to a proactive body. If there are others interested in joining this effort, they should write Lara Fergeson. The committee will begin in January and hopes to be finished with this work in the spring.

Dr. Tracy asked for information to help her prepare for the December meeting of the Board of Visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Susan May