

Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Library Rooms 209 A&B

Dr. Lehr called the meeting to order at 3:35 and thanked the college of Business and Economics for the snacks. The following members were present:

Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. David Magill	Dr. Sarah Porter
Dr. David Buckalew	Dr. Brett Martz	Dr. Chis Register
Dr. Phil Cantrell	Ms. Amanda McLellan	Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina
Dr. Mary Carver	Dr. Jake Milne	Ms. Mary Stebbins
Ms. Cynthia Crews	Dr. Claire Mowling	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. Kevin Doyle	Dr. Kelly Nelson	Dr. Larissa Tracy
Mr. Jeff Halliday	Ms. Suzy Palmer	
Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Ken Perkins	

Those not present were Dr. Jennifer Apperson, Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Ayse Balas, Dr. Paul Chapman, Dr. Audrey Church, Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Alix Fink, Dr. Susan Lynch, Dr. Sara Miller, Dr. Tim Pierson, Dr. Sean Ruday, Ms. Hannah Fielder. Also present were Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. Lee Bidwell, Dr. Sarai Blincoe, Dr. Pam McDermott, Dr. Wade Edwards, Dr. Sharon Emerson-Stonnell, Dr. Larissa Ferguson, Ms. Virginia Kinman, Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust, Ms. Sharon Perutelli, Dr. Pam Tracy, Dr. Charles White.

The minutes were approved as posted.

For EPC Dr. Abrams moved approval of a change in the wording of the course storage policy so that Longwood would conform to SACS standards (posted on the Senate web page). The motion passed. He moved the approval of changes in the title and content of the Environmental Studies minor in order to reflect the new Integrated Environmental Studies major (posted on the web page). The motion passed. He moved the change in credits from 1-8 to 1-12 for BIOL 490 and ENSC 490. The motion passed.

Dr. Lehr called on Dr. Tracy for an update on CAFÉ. She explained the mission and foci (teaching, scholarship, and professional growth) and how they were developed, the goals, the collaborative efforts and the kinds of things that have taken place so far—the junior faculty scholars program, the Blackwell talks, the development of a focus on the scholarship of teaching and learning, for example. She provided Senators with a detailed handout dealing with her main points.

Dr. Lehr recognized Dr. Sharon Emerson-Stonnell, chair of the Academic Core Curriculum Committee, who described the work of the committee to date. The committee gathered ideas from faculty at a series of luncheons during the fall semester and looked carefully at the patterns that emerged. They looked at the evolution of general education at Longwood, at the different ways of assessment, and came up with a series of guiding principles outlined in a draft document she distributed to Senators (now posted on the Senate web page under miscellaneous reports) of guiding principles that have emerged from committee discussions. The Committee will hold another series of luncheons in January to hear faculty comments on the draft ideas.

The Committee's hope is that the program they develop will be a major one enabling students to grow academically (but the program is not discipline-specific and motivate them opportunities to serve the community. In other words, they are trying to develop an academic definition of citizen leadership.

Dr. Lehr recognized Dr. Perkins who provided several information items. First, Dr. Crystal Anderson (currently at Elon) will become the director of the office of student research with an office in the library. She will hold the rank of Associate professor of English without tenure. The second piece of good news is that the BFA in graphic art and animation design has been approved by SCHEV and passed with flying colors. Third, the RN to BSN program has been approved by SACS and SCHEV liked it as well. Fourth, Longwood's SACS reaffirmation will be announced on Tuesday in Nashville.

Under new business, Dr. Milne made a motion to suspend section U part VI (Procedure) of the Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual dealing with the course review procedures of online and blended courses and refer the policy for consideration to the Academic Chairs Council in conjunction with the Digital Educational Collaborative." The motion was seconded. After considerable discussion the motion was defeated. Dr. Carver moved that the Senate respectfully ask Dr. Perkins and Dr. Lehr to meet with the DEC and ask them kindly to refrain from doing evaluations or reevaluations of this year's intersession courses since the policy is under discussion and revision by the Academic Chairs Council." The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lehr talked about some of the Senate work coming up next semester:

- The content of the student evaluation form

- A look at the policy of who can walk at graduation

- A discussion of ways to encourage more use of Canvas

Dr. Milne announced Study Paws—the study break for students) next week on Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Susan May