

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 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. Bill Harbour	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Wendell Barbour	Dr. Sue Hildebrandt	Dr. Keith Rider
Dr. Sarah Bingham	Ms. Tammy Hines	Dr. Jim Riley
Dr. Vonnie Colvin	Dr. Evelyn Hume	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Linwood Cousins	Dr. Ed Kinman	Dr. David Shoenthal
Dr. Roy Creasey	Dr. Robert Lynch	Dr. Pam Tracy
Ms. Elizabeth Dotson	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Bennie Waller
Dr. Larissa Ferguson	Dr. Don Merkle	Ms. Kathy Worster
Ms. Melinda Fowlkes	Dr. Kelly Nelson	Dr. Linda Wright

Also attending were Dr. Lee Bidwell, Dr. Norm Bregman, Dr. Martha Cook, Dr. Daniel Druckenbrod, Dr. Joseph Garcia, Dr. Ryan Hebert, Ms. Penny Howard, Dr. Brian Kraus, Ms. Margaret Lindsay, Dr. Frank Moore, Dr. Geoff Orth, Ms. Kim Redford, and Dr. Bob Webber. Members not attending were Dr. Jackie Hall, Dr. Deneese Jones, Dr. Debra Kelley, Dr. Wayne McWee, Ms. Sharon Menegoni, Dr. Pat Lust, and Dr. Jeffery Peden,

The minutes of the meeting on March 6, 2008, were approved as posted.

With the permission of the body, Dr. Amoss moved to agenda item 3 and called on Dr. Wright to present the proposal for a Center for Faculty Enrichment. She moved endorsement of the proposal, and her motion carried.

Dr. Amoss then called on Dr. Kinman for the EPC report. There were no questions about the information items, and he moved approval of the first action item, a modification of the wording of catalog policy on writing-intensive courses to make it parallel the policy on speaking-intensive courses. The policy would read:

Transfer courses do not *normally* satisfy the writing intensive requirement.

The motion carried. Dr. Kinman moved the approval of two new General Education Courses, COMM 400—Communication Ethics and PHYS 103—Conceptual Physics. The motion carried. Dr. Kinman moved approval of a new program, a Major in Environmental Science. The motion carried.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Apperson who moved approval of changes in the Faculty Development Committee procedures and timeline. Her motion carried. Dr. Apperson then shared the names of this year's recipients of sabbatical and connections leaves: Dr. Challender, Dr. Parry, and Mr. Register will have sabbaticals next year and Dr. Kelly Nelson in the spring of 2010. Dr. Stuart will have a Connections leave next year.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Rider who moved approval of the proposed policy on dual relationships. Dr. Lynch made a motion to amend the second sentence to read:

Longwood University does not condone nor will it tolerate romantic or sexual relationships between faculty members and students whom they teach, coach, supervise, evaluate, or grade.

And to add a last sentence to read:

Failure to comply is potentially grounds for termination.

The motion was seconded.

Dr. Ferguson moved division of the motion and that the proposed final sentence come after sentence number 4. The motion was seconded. Dr. Bingham moved postponement of consideration to the meeting on April 24. Her motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Amoss called on Dr. Ferguson to report for the ad hoc Committee on the Student Resolution seeding an amended graduation policy. The Committee did a thorough review of what a change would entail, practices at other state colleges and universities, possible consequences of the change, and declined to support the SGA resolution. The Committee did recommend the reinstatement of a December graduation as soon as possible. There was a motion pending to support the student resolution. The motion failed.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Webber who presented and commented on the AAUP Salary Study which he had also presented to the Board of Visitors. He commented on the increased number of Lecturers and on the President's and Provost's concern about the need for equity raises particularly at the professorial rank.

Dr. Amoss called on Dr. Bregman for the annual report from the Faculty Athletics Representative. He mentioned the hiring of a Student Athletic Advising Coordinator to support athletes' classroom performance. He brought the Senate up to date on the search for an Athletics Director, and he reported that the search for a conference affiliation is ongoing.

Dr. Amoss asked Dr. Moore to report on imminent technology changes. Dr. Moore explained the importance of VITA (Virginia Information Technologies Agency) compliance and the financial penalties for lapses. Connected to this compliance issue is the change in distribution of administrative rights on campus computers. Dr. Moore explained the options:

Doing nothing, which would mean Longwood was not compliant;

Removing admin. rights altogether, which could impede teaching and research;

Granting the rights to those with a demonstrated need who go through the proper process for requesting the right.

He explained what the third option would entail—the application process, two I.D.s. He also said that exceptions must be approved by the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth.

Dr. Moore then reported that IITS is acquiring Altiris which will centralize a number of functions including hardware and software inventory, remote installation of software on campus computers, etc.

Dr. Amoss announced that there was to be an ad hoc committee to work on adding a designation of clinical faculty made up of representatives from those disciplines needing such designations. He asked Senators to let him know if the need occurs in their departments.

There was no new business and Dr. Fergeson moved adjournment. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Susan May

The minutes, the EPC report, the proposal for the Center for Faculty Enrichment, the Faculty Development Committee changes, the proposed policy on dual relationships, and the AAUP Salary Study are all posted on the senate web page.