

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2015
Library Rooms 209 A&B

Dr. Lehr called the meeting to order at 3:30 recognizing CAFÉ for providing snacks. The following members were present:

Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. Kevin Doyle	Dr. Kelly Nelson
Dr. Ayse Balas	Dr. Jacqueline Hall	Dr. Kristen Nugent
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Mr. Jeff Halliday	Dr. Sarah Porter
Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Chris Register
Dr. David Buckalew	Dr. David Lehr	Dr. Sean Ruday
Dr. Phillip Cantrell	Dr. Brett Martz	Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina
Dr. Mary Carver	Mrs. Amanda McLellan	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. Audrey Church	Dr. Sara Miller	Dr. Meg Thompson
Ms. Cynthia Crews	Dr. Jake Milne	Dr. Larissa Tracy

Those not present were Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Paul Chapman, Mr. Ken Copeland, Hannah Fielder, Dr. Alix Fink, Joseph T. Gills, Dr. Susan Lynch, Dr. David Magill, Dr. Claire Mowling, Dr. Suzy Palmer, Dr. Ken Perkins, Dr. Tim Pierson.

Also present were Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. Consuelo Alvarez, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Ms. Virginia Kinman, Dr. Robert Marmorstein, Ms. Michelle Meadows, Ms. Sharon Perutelli, Dr. David Shoenthal, Dr. Charles White, Constance Garner, SGA, Delonte Harrison, BSA, Christian Kearney, NAACP, current and new executive members of SGA.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Dr. Lehr called on Dr. White to report on the Finance and Planning Committee. A University wide budget forum was held on April 2. A UPC steering committee met on April 3 and began discussions to increase the effectiveness of the committee and plan to meet again by the end of spring semester. Members of the Finance and Planning Committee met with many departments around campus related to budgets and planning. The committee also met with the Academic Deans to discuss budget issues and is planning to meet with the new provost. Committee members continue to be available for discussions at academic department meetings.

Dr. Lehr called on Dr. Shoenthal to review the proposal to revise FPPM, Section II. U. Online and Blended/Hybrid Teaching and Learning at Longwood. The revisions address concerns over the evaluation process of online/hybrid courses. He stated that there had been some wordsmithing edits made to the proposal which will get added to the version posted on the Senate web page. The proposal, as amended, **passed**.

Dr. Lehr reviewed the proposal to revise Graduation Requirement #9 in the Undergraduate Catalog to lower the credit hour requirement for filing of the degree application from 89 to 75 credit hours. This allows for an earlier submission of the degree application which results in more time for students to resolve degree requirement issues. The point was made about the design of the current degree application not having enough space to map out additional semesters. Dr. Chris Register volunteered to assist in modifying the form with the help of the Design Lab. The proposal **passed**

For EPC, Dr. Abrams moved approval of the course description change for ECON 111. The motion **passed**. He moved approval of submitting the Cyber Forensics and Security Concentration in the Business major to storage. The motion **passed**.

Dr. Lehr reviewed the proposal from the Office of the Registrar to include all ROTC students in required estimate grade reporting. ROTC students are required to meet academic and GPA requirements to receive scholarships. Early notification will be beneficial to students. The Office of the Registrar will identify ROTC students in the rosters distributed for estimate grade reporting. The proposal **passed**.

Dr. Lehr called on Dr. Doyle to review the proposal from Graduate Council to change the status of the Graduate Council representative to Faculty Senate from Ex-Officio to Senator with voting privileges. Graduate and Professional Studies feels that many times graduate studies is forgotten and a voting member would go a long way to bring recognition to graduate level issues. Much discussion took place that focused on the fact that Senate is made up of elected faculty who represent the interests of their department colleagues, both graduate and undergraduate. Dr. Lehr suggested that since Faculty Senate currently has an undergraduate student representative to Senate, perhaps Graduate Council should first consider a graduate student representative as well. Dr. Lehr called for a paper vote which resulted in 14 votes against the proposal and 10 in favor. The proposal **did not pass**.

Dr. Lehr called on Dr. Alvarez to present the Intercollegiate Athletic Council Report. Dr. Alvarez reminded everyone that the IAC has an open door policy and encourages faculty to contact her anytime a question or issue arises between academics and athletics. Michelle Meadows, Senior Associate Athletic Director, also encouraged faculty to contact her with questions or issues. A question was raised about athletes and the 25% attendance rule. Ms. Meadows confirmed that athletes must abide by the 25% rule and if a sport requires a student athlete to miss more, they are required to meet with their professors at the beginning of the semester.

Dr. Lehr called on Dr. Abrams to present the Faculty Status and Grievance Committee Report for Dr. Lisa Kinzer. The committee heard one case. New members for the upcoming year are Dr. Steven Isaac, Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. David Lehr, Dr. Chuck Ross and Dr. Audrey Church. Alternates are Dr. Power-deFur, Dr. Cathy Roy, Dr. Eric Laws and Dr. Mc Amoss. The committee is working to make the new member voting procedure an online process through Canvas.

Dr. Lehr invited Constance Garner, President Elect for SGA, to speak about student concerns of campus culture on openness. There have been multiple incidents of hate acts on campus and popular social media. It is also believed that many more acts are happening and go unreported. Delonte Harrison also spoke on behalf of the Black Student Association. He proposed training for students, faculty and staff, suggested faculty include diversity statements in their syllabi, include a diversity component in LSEM classes and recruit and retain diverse faculty. SGA is asking for a change in campus climate and seeks support from Faculty Senate. Senate agreed that this is an extraordinarily important topic and improvements need to continue. Dr. Lehr urges students to continue communications with Faculty Senate.

Under New Business, Dr. Robert Marmorstein announced that the University Lectures Committee is hosting the annual RAFT Debate on April 14 at 6 p.m. in Wygal. They are also hosting the Simkins Lecture on April 23 at 7 p.m. in Hiner 207, featuring guest speaker, Bill James, author of more than two dozen books devoted to baseball history and statistics.

Dr. Lehr announced that the list of next year's senators is posted to the senate web page and reminded everyone that new senators are to attend the last Senate meeting on April 23 for election of next year's executive board.

There being no further business, Dr. Lehr adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Perutelli