

Opening Faculty Meeting
August 22, 2008
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Dr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introduced the other members of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Linwood Cousins, Dr. Larissa Fergeson, Dr. Mikie Flanigan, and Dr. Keith Rider. He reminded faculty to expect to hear regularly from their Senators at department meetings.

Dr. Amoss called for nominations for the faculty representative to the Board of Visitors. Dr. Menegoni nominated Dr. Pam Tracy; there was a motion to close nominations, a second of that motion, and Dr. Tracy was elected by acclamation.

Dr. Amoss introduced Dr. Robert Webber, chair of the Faculty Status Committee. Dr. Webber said a word about the purpose of the committee—to hear faculty grievances after other avenues of appeal had been exhausted—and introduced other members of the committee, Dr. Michelle Parry, Dr. Lee Bidwell, Dr. Jennifer Apperson, and Dr. Ruth Meese.

Dr. Amoss introduced Dr. Wayne McWee who had several items of information to share with the faculty. SACS is requiring a new Quality Enhancement Program (QEP), three years of documentation showing that students are indeed mastering certain areas/skills. He is asking the Senate to create an ad-hoc committee for the purpose of helping the University select our QEP for the next SACS—COC reaffirmation, and he is asking the Executive Committee for help in identifying a faculty member who could lead the next reaffirmation process.

Dr. McWee explained the near demise of SIS and the inaccuracy of the degree audit program and asked the faculty to be patient while the system is being rebuilt. Students should be warned that they cannot rely on information in the on-line system at this time and should refer to the catalog for information.

Although the University won't know until November what budget cuts the governor or the legislature will require to meet the shortfall, Dr. McWee said that international travel and second-semester travel will be put on hold. Travel to professional meetings this semester will proceed as usual.

This year's entering freshman class is the largest ever, 1050. Although that is more students than anticipated, the good news is that it means more revenue when money is tight. Dr. McWee congratulated the faculty on last year's retention rate—80% compared with the 75% the year before.

Dr. McWee has met with Dr. Thomson to discuss reinstitution of the Faculty Colloquium Series which highlights research of Longwood's faculty. He will find two \$1000.00 awards to two faculty members a year for giving campus lectures on their work. In addition, he announced that funding for the efforts to reinstitute the teaching awards was part of the capital campaign.

Dr. McWee announced two new Deans, Dr. Paul Barrett for the College of Business and Economics and Dr. Anthony Koyzis for Graduate and Continuing Studies, neither of whom could be present for the meeting. He then called on Dr. Cheryl Adkins, Dr. Deneese Jones, and Dr. Charles Ross to introduce new faculty in their colleges.

Dr. Adkins introduced Tracy Tuten Ryan, Associate Professor of Marketing, and Liping Lui, visiting from China, in the field of economics. Dr. Jones introduced Joanna Morrison, Assistant Professor of Exercise Science. Dr. Ross introduced the new chairs, Erin Devine, Art, and David Coles, History, Political Science, and Philosophy, and the following new faculty:

John W. Barbrey, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

Don Butler, Instructor of English

Phillip Cantrell, Assistant Professor of Asian and African History

Kurt Crandall, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Letitia Guran, Lecturer in English

Christopher Gulgas, Lecturer in Biology

Ryan Hebert, Assistant Professor of Music

William Holliday, Assistant Professor of Latin American History

Timothy Holmstrom, Assistant Professor of Physics

Hong, Liu, visitor from China, Chinese

Amanda Lentz, Lecturer in Biology

Wade Lough, Assistant Professor of Art

Robert Marmorstein, Instructor of Computer Science

Jennifer Miskec, Assistant Professor of English

Kate Neff, Lecturer in Spanish

Melissa Pine, Assistant Professor of Modern European History

Sarah Porter, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Karen Rogers, Lecturer in English

Kathryn Shows, Lecturer in Biology

Scott Senn, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Robin Smith, Assistant Professor of English

Wendy Smith, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education

Susan Stinson, Lecturer in English

Maria Timmerman, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education

Andrea Verschaeve, Lecturer in English

Amanda Walton, Lecturer in English

Dr. Amoss asked whether there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the spring faculty meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Dr. Tracy reminded people of the events this weekend related to the reading program and the presence on campus of the author.

There was a motion to adjourn, a second, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Susan May

