

Special Faculty Senate Meeting  
September 4, 2008  
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Dr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. Jim Haug	Dr. Eric Moore
Dr. Wendell Barbour	Dr. Chene Heady	Dr. Gene Muto
Dr. Paul Barrett	Dr. Sue Hildebrandt	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Vonnie Colvin	Ms. Tammy Hines	Dr. Keith Rider
Dr. Linwood Cousins	Dr. Evelyn Hume	Dr. Jim Riley
Dr. Roy Creasey	Dr. Chris Jones	Dr. Charles Ross
Ms. Kerri Cushman	Dr. Deneese Jones	Dr. David Shoenthal
Dr. Larissa Ferguson	Dr. Debra Kelley	Dr. Pam Tracy
Dr. Mikie Flanigan	Dr. Ed Kinman	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Rená Koesler	
Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Wayne McWee	

Members unable to attend were Dr. Ryan Hebert, Dr. Anthony Koyziz, and the SGA representative.

Also attending were Ms. Joanna Baker, Dr. Brian Bates, Dr. David Buckalew, Dr. Craig Challender, Mr. Chris Davis, Dr. Alix Fink, Ms. Melinda Fowlkes, Dr. Brett Hursey, Mr. A. J. Karidis, Ms. Sharon Menegoni, Dr. Geoff Orth, Dr. Judy Sands, Dr. Glenn White.

Dr. Amoss reminded Senators that SACS standard 3.4.1 requires faculty approval of new programs then called on Dr. Kinman to present the proposed nursing program. Dr. Kinman, on behalf of the EPC, moved approval of the program and called on Dr. Sands, a nursing curriculum specialist, to provide some background for the proposal. She spoke of the feasibility study that found Longwood University well-positioned for the next state-funded program because of the dearth of baccalaureate programs in the area and because of the serious nursing deficit in Virginia. In addition there are good and underused clinical resources in the area. The program must be submitted to SCHEV in October for November approval so that Longwood can advertise and admit students in the fall. No students can be admitted until SCHEV approves the program, and SACS must look at resources and the degree. The soonest the program could be advertised is January.

Dr. Kinman then moved an amendment to page 16 of the SCHEV Program Proposal dealing with projected resource needs. Sentence two should read: "The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences has determined that it will require the addition of **two** new science faculty positions to have sufficient capacity at Longwood to absorb thirty-five new students into the existing biology and other liberal arts courses that make up the first two years of the BSN curriculum." The fourth sentence should read: "The additional science faculty positions have been approved." The motion was seconded and it carried after an expression of concern that no resources be drained from existing programs and assurances from Dr. McWee that if the program is not funded by the state, it could delay startup beyond the fall of 2009.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Flanigan who expressed concern about the timing and moved the tabling of the proposal. There was no second for the motion.

Asked about current and future funding, Dr. McWee said that currently tobacco commission money is funding the creation of the nursing program. Permanent funding would include approximately \$1.9 million which is being requested from the state for operating funding. Longwood would also be responsible for some of the permanent operating funding through the collection of tuition and fees. In addition, the University has applied to three foundations for the creation and equipping of labs. One foundation had just invested in another program and invited reapplication at a future time, but requests were still pending at Carillion and ACA in Richmond. Senators were concerned about current needs in other programs and about staffing for general education courses, among other things. Dr. Ross said he was aware that for each additional 100 students enrolled in a course one new faculty position is needed.

Dr. Fergeson moved that there be a secret ballot, and there were no objections.

Before the vote several other questions arose, one about prerequisites for HRK students wanting specific courses in the nursing program as part of their majors. Dr. Sands said there was an agreement to waive prerequisites for those students.

Dr. Fergeson moved an amendment to the motion so that approval would be on the condition that resources for existing programs and expansion of these programs are not adversely affected. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion did not pass. Dr. Riley moved to amend the motion to include the wording that the program be approved as stated in this proposal. There was no second. The motion to approve the proposal passed 13 to 10.

Dr. McWee announced that Longwood would help Old Dominion University if the university was forced by Hanna or Ike to evacuate. Although Hanna was abating, Ike was expected to cause problems for ODU by the middle of next week.

Dr. McWee also spoke briefly about budget cuts, more likely to be 10% than 5 or 15%. The President, he said, wants to avoid position cuts, but Dr. McWee asked faculty to be judicious about travel. Support this semester will depend on whether a faculty member is presenting, and no travel for the second semester will be approved at this time. Also, some positions will be frozen, although screening may proceed. The budget picture won't be known until after November.

Dr. Flanigan moved adjournment, and the meeting ended at 4:50.

Susan May