

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Thursday, October 13, 2022, 3:30pm

Dr. Virginia Lewis called the meeting to order at 3:35pm. The following members were present:

Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. Robert Blaisdell	Dr. Bill Burger
Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. Darrell Carpenter	Dr. Scott Cole
Dr. Karla Collins	Dr. Jackie Daniel	Mr. Donovan Douglas
Dr. Kathy Gee	Dr. Brandon Haffner	Dr. Kari Hampton
Dr. Alec Hosterman	Dr. Tai Johnson	Dr. Roland Karnatz
Dr. Chris Kukk	Claire LaRoche, J.D.	Dr. Dina Leech
Dr. Virginia Lewis	Dr. Angela McDonald	Dr. Dan Michael
Mr. Cam Patterson	Dr. JoEllen Pederson	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Ms. Sarah Reynolds	Dr. Tim Ritzert	Ms. Annette Rosado-Figueroa
Dr. Larissa Smith	Dr. Shawn Smith	Dr. Toni Sorrell
Dr. Bruce Speas	Dr. Wendy Thompson	Dr. Ronda Walker
Dr. Haley Woznyj	Dr. Andrew Yeagley	Ms. Teresa Dodson, Recorder

Also present were – Dr. Bill Abrams, Mr. Josh Blakely, Dr. Hannah Dudley-Shotwell, Mr. Jason Ferguson, Dr. Jennifer Green, Dr. Renee Gutierrez, Dr. David Shoenthal, Dr. Shayla Walker

The minutes from the [September 1, 2022](#) Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

In the absence of Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson, Dr. Lewis reviewed the [EPC Report](#) – all items on the report were informational and no action required a vote.

Dr. Jennifer Green introduced the new Dean of Admissions, Mr. Jason “Ferg” Ferguson. He shared that he is honored to be at Longwood and that his transition has been smooth. The open house this weekend, Ferg’s first, will be very well attended and he is excited. To have the open house align with the rescheduled Oktoberfest festivities makes it even more special. He continued by saying that he’s looking forward to collaborating with faculty to bring the best students to Longwood.

Action Item – [FPPM – Timeline for Sabbatical Applications](#), a carry-over item from last year, was voted on and passed with no additional discussion.

Action Item – [FPPM Section III.K.2 Honors Faculty Promotion Review Process](#) (carry over from 2021-2022) - After a short discussion about the proposal it was determined that a vote could not take place. Dr. Lewis asked for a motion to refer the proposal back to the Honors Advisory Committee for additional discussion and revision, the motion passed. Dr. Lewis asked the senators with concerns to send her a written summary so she could compile the concerns and send them to the committee. Dr. Lewis asked that the Honors Advisory Committee report back to Senate before the end of the academic year.

Mr. Cameron Patterson gave an update on the concerns from underrepresented students. During the past 2 SGA meetings items have been discussed in regard to underrepresented students. Most recently there was a black student forum that took place on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and was sponsored by a number of student groups, including our Black Student Association. Stemming from the recent incident of a hate crime at UVA an open letter was written at UVA. At Longwood a protest was held a couple of weeks ago on the front steps of Lankford in solidarity with the students at UVA, the protest was well attended.

In the SGA meeting the students were able to express and read the UVA open letter and also put forth a list of demands that Longwood students produced. Cam gave an overview of the demands. The students will have the opportunity share the demands in a meeting later this evening with President Reveley, Provost Smith and

Interim Vice-President of Student Affairs, Cam Patterson. All SGA meetings are broadcast live via the SGA social media pages – Facebook and Instagram - longwood/SGA.

Announcements –

Dr. Shayla Walker, Co-Director of the US Race and Ethnic Studies Program, gave an update on the status of the Minor. As of fall 2021 students were able to declare a minor in US Race and Ethnic Studies, by the end of fall 2021, 5 students had declared it as a minor. Currently, the numbers have almost doubled. The program is in the process of planning their first off campus field trip the weekend of November 4-6, as part of the Native American Heritage month. The space for the fieldtrip has already reached capacity. Prior to fall break, Dr. Walker sent an email about the program to faculty. She encouraged members to take a look at the program, and to encourage their students to take the [courses](#). Dr. Walker had brochures that she passed around.

Dr. Annette Rosado-Figueroa announced as part of the Longwood Authors Series – Sandra Cisneros will give a reading on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 in Blackwell Ballroom at 8pm. A reception and book signing will follow.

Dr. Larissa Smith

- Thanked program coordinators and others that have submitted their assessment reports in Watermark, the reports were due October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Academic Strategic Plan draft – The purpose of developing this plan is to develop a middle document that would sit in-between the University Strategic Plan and other university plans, and the department or college initiatives. It is organized by the university strategic priorities and it drew from other department level strategic plans. The goal is to connect specific initiatives to this plan (can you see what you are doing in your department fitting into some of the things in this plan)? Feedback is encouraged by November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Provost Advisory Committee has been formed. The committee will work to carry out the initiatives in the University Diversity Strategic Plan and will provide a venue to Provost Smith and other academic leaders. The committee members are:

**Lisa Edwards-Burrs**, Associate Professor of Music

**David Coles**, Professor of History

**Scott Grether**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of U.S. Race and Ethnic Studies minor

**Hazel Elif Guler**, Associate Professor of English

**Sara Neher**, Interim Dean, College of Business and Economics

**Marsha Rutledge**, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education

**Patti Trent**, Executive Director, Center for Global Engagement

**Shayla Betts Walker**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, and Co-Director of U.S. Race and Ethnic Studies minor

- Dr. Lewis followed up with the [accessibility resource office](#) in regard to the extra time accommodation that was discussed at the last senate meeting. The particular accommodation has been around for a while, but it is not widely used, hence the reason why is seemed new. Madeline Schutt is the Director and is willing to answer any questions and discuss any accessibility issues or concerns. Her contact information is (434)395-2392 schuttmb@longwood.edu.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Dodson