

Spring Faculty Meeting  
Thursday, March 26, 2009  
Hiner 207

Dr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The minutes of the opening faculty meeting, August 22, 2008, were approved as posted on the web page.

Dr. Amoss called for nominations for the faculty representative to the Faculty Senate of Virginia. Dr. Fergeson nominated Dr. Kinman. The nomination was seconded, and Dr. Challender moved that the nominations be closed. His motion was seconded and carried and Dr. Kinman was nominated by acclamation.

Dr. Amoss explained that after the ceremony at which Dr. Cormier's retirement was announced, the Executive Committee had invited the Rector of the Board of Visitors to the faculty meeting to talk about the search process. She was unable to come but Mr. Case represented the Board in her place. Mr. Case spoke about the Board's responsibility to select a President and described the Search Committee composition—5 Board members, 3 Professors, 1 Dean, and one representative each from the Alumni, the Foundation Board, and the student body. He reviewed the time line (posted on the Presidential Search web page) and explained that there would be more specific information after a search firm was chosen to guide the process. He responded to faculty concerns by announcing the preparation of a web site which would be a means of communication and by talking of the on-campus meetings with the Senate, the student government, and the Staff Advisory Committee.

Dr. Amoss gave a brief report on some highlights of the year's work of the Senate such as the approval of the nursing program, the election of a representative to the Foundation Board—Dr. Hall, the approval of a policy allowing the tenure clock to stop for a year under certain specific circumstances, the work of several ad hoc committees.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Koyzis who reported on progress toward the establishment of a Faculty Development Center and outlined its three foci, instructional development, faculty development, and organizational development. He and the Board have initiated a cross-talk program, the first of which dealt with 21<sup>st</sup> century literacies. They foresee more such programs, perhaps some at lunches. There will be a web site soon.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Fergeson who is chairing the Senate's ad hoc committee on self-assessment and long-range planning. She announced an upcoming survey to be sent to the faculty to gather data that will inform the committee's full report to the Senate at its first meeting in the fall.

Under new business, the topic of the presidential search was raised and after extensive discussion and careful deliberation, Dr. Stuart moved the following resolution:  
Resolved,

That the Faculty of Longwood University request that the Presidential Search Committee and Board of Visitors provide multiple opportunities, through multiple communication channels, to evaluate Presidential candidates,  
and

furthermore request that the Faculty have opportunities to provide input to the Search Committee and Search Firm for suggestions for the on-campus interview process.

His motion was seconded. Dr. Harbour introduced the following amendment to be added to Dr. Stuart's resolution:

We respectfully ask, in order to increase faculty participation in the search process, that all elected members of the Executive Committee be included on the Presidential Search Committee and, when the candidates are on campus, the entire Senate be involved in the interview process.

His motion was seconded.

After more discussion, Dr. Munson called for the question. His motion was seconded. The amendment carried.

Dr. Isaac called for the question on the main motion. The main motion as amended carried without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Susan May