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AGENDA  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
September 7, 1995

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Resolution on Bookstore from Mike Lund  
(See attachment to or the reverse side of this agenda)
3. Report from Educational Policy Committee - Kris Palmer  
Discussion of Assessment - Onie McKenzie (See attachment)
4. Restructuring - Darryl Poole
5. Academic Reorganization - Darryl Poole
6. Honorary Degrees  
(See attachment to or the reverse side of this agenda)
7. Special Called Senate Meeting  
The Senate may have a special called meeting in order to deal with all the work coming before it. Please bring your calendars to this meeting of the Senate.

Announcements:

1. The Senate Executive Committee has received a nomination for an Honorary Degree from Longwood which would be awarded at the December Commencement. The nomination came to this committee because in the past such nominations were sent to the Longwood Assembly Executive Committee for faculty reaction. The Senate Executive Committee examined the material on the nominee, found the nominee to be very qualified for such an honor, and sent an affirmative recommendation to the VPAA. However, the Executive Committee believes that the issue of faculty involvement in the awarding of honorary degrees in the future should be taken up by the Faculty Senate and is sending a resolution to the Senate on this matter. This matter will be discussed under Agenda item 6. (See the attachment to or the reverse side of this agenda.)
2. A number of faculty have asked that the important functions of the terminated Library Committee be carried on in some way. The Senate Executive Committee has asked the Vice President for Academic Affairs to inform the Director of the Library that he may establish an advisory group of faculty in order to carry on such work. The selection of such a group and the nature of its work is up to the Director of the Library.
3. A number of faculty have expressed concern over some gross violations of existing academic policies (previously adopted by the faculty) governing final examinations. The Senate Executive Committee has expressed to the VPAA its belief that such policies adopted by the faculty should be enforced by the VPAA, Deans, and Chairs. All faculty should be informed of such policies and these policies should be enforced unless they are changed by the Faculty Senate.

Faculty Senate Resolution

I.

The Longwood faculty strongly opposes the college bookstore's current policy of deliberately ordering fewer copies of required textbooks than the number requested by department chairs and/or the number enrolled. This policy has caused significant harm this semester to students, who have been unable to do assigned work, and to faculty, who have had to copy classroom material, rearrange (and reprint) syllabi, and seek out on their own supplemental copies of books.

We therefore urge the current bookstore to guarantee the college in writing that it will henceforth have copies of required textbooks available for purchase by every enrolled student so long as the order was filed by a reasonable time (to be negotiated by the bookstore and the college). Exception may be made in the case of students added to the class by overrides after classes begin. The bookstore should also guarantee that faculty will be notified in writing whenever a required textbook is not in stock at the bookstore at least one week in advance of the first day of any class and provided with an explanation of that order's status.

Should the bookstore be unable to agree to these principles, we urge the college and the bookstore to dissolve their existing contract immediately. - Direct VP to investigate + suggest changes if needed. -

II. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate proposes the following procedure to implement faculty participation in the awarding of Honorary Degrees.

N.B. It is important that all participants in the process recognize the need for complete confidentiality.

1. The nominator forwards a nomination, with rationale and credentials, to the Chair of the Awards Subcommittee of the Committee on Faculty Development.

2. The Awards Subcommittee evaluates and votes on the nomination. A negative recommendation is returned to the nominator. A positive recommendation is forwarded in writing with supporting materials to the Senate Executive Committee.

3. The Senate Executive Committee evaluates and votes on the nomination. A negative recommendation is returned to the nominator. A positive recommendation is transmitted in writing to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

*Bookstore Manager  
End of June hired  
new textbook  
Manager - Mrs.  
Understood  
instructions  
Sorry for the  
mixup*

*Some late orders  
Some over-enrollment  
Some mistakes*

*of the Awards  
Subcommittee  
forwarded to support  
A list of  
the members of  
the committee to*