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Minutes
General Faculty Meeting
February 1, 1996
12:45-2:00 p.m.
ABC Rooms of Lankford

Dr. Harbour welcomed the faculty to the second general faculty meeting for the 1995-1996 academic year.

The minutes of the August 18, 1995, general faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Harbour then called on Dr. Dorrill to give his State of the College Message. President Dorrill discussed State Support for higher education, Enrollment, Student Advancement, Fund Raising Achievements, Technology Activity, Restructuring, Physical Plant, and Faculty Achievement.

Dr. Harbour then called on Dean Frank. Dean Frank made the following motion:

The Faculty of Longwood College, deeply concerned about the leadership of the institution for the 1996-97 academic year and thereafter, urges President-elect Dr. Patricia Cormier to review the circumstances leading to the decision not to re-new Dean Bob Sawyer's contract, and, following her consultation with all affected parties, to re-appoint Dean Sawyer, if her review should so indicate.

Many faculty spoke in favor of the motion. Some spoke with concern for the process of how acting deans are appointed. A selection process should be developed and followed when appointing acting deans. A request was made to allow faculty to discuss the issue in a private way. Several faculty spoke against the motion arguing that personnel matters are not to be addressed publicly. Some faculty raised the concern since it seems as though, the way the motion was made, that the current and future president would be acting at the same time. There was a call for the question but it was defeated. Discussion continued. Dr. Poole stated that he was constrained in what he could say since it was a personnel matter but that he took into consideration all issues/concerns. Due to legal ramifications, he could not go into detail but that he stands by his decision. Dr. Poole stated that to pass this motion would put the President-elect in a bad position. He further stated that Dr. Cormier will be here in March and that faculty could express their opinions to her then. There was another call for the question and it carried. By vote, 53:20, the motion carried.

Dr. Harbour then called on Dr. Barber. Dr. Barber asked for comments in writing or by email on the faculty weighting scale.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.