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Minutes
Special Called Faculty Senate Meeting
March 28, 1996

Dr. William Harbour, Chair, called the meeting of the Longwood College Faculty Senate to order at 11:20 a.m. in the AB Rooms, Lankford Building. The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Baldrige	Dr. Robert Gibbons	Dr. Darryl Poole
Dr. Patrick Barber	Mr. Richard Hurley	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Ms. Denise James	Dr. Pat Shank
Dr. Chris Bjorensen (for Dr. Carkenord)	Dr. Judy Johnson	Dr. Betty Jo Simmons
Dr. Berkwood Farmer	Dr. Patricia Lust	Dr. Robert Wu
Dr. William Frank	Dr. Susan May	Dr. Douglas Young
	Dr. Jeffery Peden	

The following members were absent:

Dr. William Dorrill	Ms. Linda Cranston	Dr. Mary Flanigan
Ms. Phyllis Mable	Dr. Robert Sawyer	Dr. Ellery Sedgwick

Dr. Harbour asked Dr. Palmer to give the report from the Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a Process for the Appointment of Acting Deans (copy attached). On behalf of the ad hoc committee, Dr. Palmer moved for adoption of the proposed Policy for the Selection of Interim Deans. It carries.

Discussion of the appointment of a committee to develop a process for the appointment of Deans followed. A policy is needed for appointing deans on a permanent basis. The question of using the same committee members who proposed a policy on the appointment of interim deans or using different groups was discussed. Dr. Lust moved that the Senate ask the same committee members to work on this policy. Dr. Wu seconded the motion. It carries. Dr. Palmer will tell Drs. Wells and Orth. If any member declines, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee can fill the vacancy.

Dr. Harbour then asked Ms. Palmer to give the report from the Educational Policy Committee (copy attached). Ms. Palmer first thanked Dr. Bidwell for filling in at the last meeting. The EPC brings forward changes in the wording of the current catalog statement on Academic Probation and Suspension (pages 45-46) for clarification of the policy. This was done after reviewing policies of other colleges and universities -- some of which were VPI&SU, VCU, MWC and Winthrop. The proposed changes are as follows:

- (1) the number of hours for grade point average falls below 1.2 to be "1" instead of "12" hours

(2) the first phrase after #3 under Academic Suspension. "No student can be suspended for academic reasons after only one semester at Longwood."

(3) in the second sentence following the above sentence, ...a second, and final, suspension....

The changes were discussed. Drs. Frank and Barber commended the committee on its hard work. It carries. Dr. Poole did ask the EPC to work through the summer school issue next year.

Dr. Harbour then called on Ms. James for an information item. Ms. James stated that the SGA has a problem with December commencement. Dr. Poole responded that there are several options. One reason for the late date for December commencement is that we are expanding summer school to a third term and are therefore moving the beginning of fall semester as late as we can. Also, a break between semesters is needed for training of new student affairs workers and for improvements of facilities by physical plant. Several days are needed at the end of a semester to process and certify final transcripts for graduating seniors. Options for an earlier commencement are being discussed at Cabinet. Every effort will be made to accommodate.

Dr. Gibbons announced that the mission statement draft will be on the April agenda. The Board of Visitors asked that this be reworked. The committee to work on the mission statement has met twice with Drs. Poole and Saunders and SGA representatives.

Dr. Harbour stated that some departments held elections this spring and asked that Senators give Ms. Scruggs names of recently elected members. The Senators will vote on offices in May and the newly elected members are able to serve.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.