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**Minutes
General Faculty Meeting
August 23, 1996, 9:30 a.m.
New Education Building Auditorium**

Ms. Palmer welcomed the faculty to the opening general faculty meeting for the 1996-97 academic year.

The minutes of the February 1, 1996, general faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Ms. Palmer then added one item to the agenda to correct an omission. Dr. Sedgwick offered the following resolution (resolution passed):

The Longwood faculty is grateful to Bill Harbour for his service in creating a durable constitution for collegial governance, establishing the Faculty Senate as a credible body for developing academic policy, and conducting it with grace, humor, and good will.

Ms. Palmer then called on Dr. Barber. Dr. Barber moved the adoption of the change in bylaws which reads:

Article V -- Meetings and Quorums -- Section 2: The Executive Committee of the Senate shall be responsible for the development of the agenda for the Senate. Senate agenda shall be available to all faculty and interested parties 3 working days prior to Senate meetings.

Rationale: The Executive Committee usually meets one week before the Senate meeting in order to determine the agenda. If documents need to be prepared and/or duplicated, more than one day is required. Due to the preparation time of the documents, information was delivered to the Senators usually by Monday before the meeting on Thursday. This seemed to give the Senators enough time to prepare for the meeting.

The motion carries.

Mr. Hurley then addressed the change in the pay schedule. During the shift in pay dates, the State will write a letter to the banks explaining the change in pay dates.

By general faculty vote, Dr. Geoff Orth was elected as Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors for this academic year.

Ms. Palmer then asked Dr. Poole to introduce new faculty. He, in turn, asked the deans of the schools to call on the chairs to make the introductions.

Our new president, Dr. Patricia Cormier, then provided remarks for the faculty, focusing on her goals for Longwood. She wants to work as a team, taking her job seriously, professionally, and personally. The most important job for faculty is to teach, "managing the minds of the students". This is a time of change and challenge. Longwood needs to clearly articulate its uniqueness. Dr. Cormier invited the faculty to share their thoughts and ideas with her. The most pressing issue, as she sees it, is creating a meaningful learning environment centering around all activities on the Longwood campus. Faculty should develop their potential, learning creative ways of teaching. Sabbaticals are good but not long enough. Hopefully, external funds will be obtained for educational release time for faculty. A learning organization needs to be created here. Dr. Cormier's goal is to make Longwood famous. Longwood needs to decide on its size for the next decade and market it. Enrollment and endowment are two main challenges for her. She then mentioned administrative changes (titles and reporting lines) made thus far. Dr. Cormier will serve the community.

Mrs. Palmer then thanked Dr. Cormier for her remarks and thanked Dr. Frank Howe for the use of the new education building auditorium. The meeting adjourned.


Submitted for approval by Nancy Scruggs, Secretary