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**MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 1996**

Ms. Kristine Palmer, Chair, called the meeting of the Longwood College Senate to order at 11:20 a.m. in the Prince Edward Room. The following members were present:

Dr. McRae Amoss	Dr. Berkwood Farmer	Dr. Geoff Orth	Dr. Robert Wu
Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. Frank Howe	Dr. Darryl Poole	Dr. Douglas Young
Mr. Mark Baldridge	Ms. Denise James	Dr. Charles Ross	
Dr. Patrick Barber	Dr. Chrystyna Kosarchyn	Dr. Ellery Sedgwick	
Dr. William Burger	Dr. Patricia Lust	Dr. Pat Shank	
Dr. David Carkenord	Dr. Wayne McWee	Dr. Betty Jo Simmons	
Dr. Patricia Cormier	Dr. James Munson	Dr. Donald Stuart	
Dr. Vincent Cibbarelli		Dr. Jeffery Peden	

The following members were absent: Ms. Linda Cranston, Mr. Richard Hurley, and Ms. Phyllis Mable.

Ms. Kristine Palmer thanked the faculty and administration for their support with the efforts to obtain Amy York's diploma.

The minutes of the October 10, 1996, Faculty Senate Meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Pat Lust, Chair of the E.P.C., presented the motion for approval of the Secondary Teaching Endorsement for Computer Science. Motion approved.

Dr. Pat Lust presented the proposed revisions of the grade appeals process, Item 5 was amended to clarify that final review is to be completed by the end of the eighth full week of classes. Amended proposal passed.

Dr. Judy Vogt presented the proposed catalog revisions for Academic Honors requirements, changes to become effective with December 1996 graduates. Proposal passed.

Dr. Pat Barber moved the resolution from Dr. Crowl in reference to the fraternity pledge period. Dr. Tim Pierson discussed the various pledge time frames, from 48 hours to ten weeks. He has been in contact with national committee offices of fraternities/sororities affiliated with Longwood College and has concluded our pledge time frames are in accordance with standards. Ms. Gina Lee, Coordinator of Greek Affairs, recommended the formation of a strategic planning committee to evaluate the academic concerns of the pledge processes and the Greek community's contributions. Dr. Pat Barber moved to table the motion until March 1997 to allow time for further analysis and to organize a committee. Motion passed. Dr. Tim Pierson will begin forming a committee.

Dr. Berkwood Farmer presented the Mission Statement from School of Business and Economics for review and comments. He presented the statement to the senate as a part of the schools' accreditation process. He requested comments be sent to him via e-mail.

Dr. Darryl Poole reviewed the Fall 1996 Writing Assessment Project.

Dr. Darryl Poole reported that Alison Landrey, Assistant Attorney General had been contacted and she offered the opinion that Longwood College has no legal responsibility to allow previous students to graduate under our modified requirements which eliminated a swimming proficiency requirement. Dr. Judy Vogt reported that degree files had been researched for students who did not obtain degrees due to this requirement. Two students were noted and contacted.

Dr. Darryl Poole began the update on the Restructuring Report with a review of the process. The annual report was submitted to SCHEV in September 1996. He reviewed parts of the SCHEV Staff's Summary Report and the specific report on Longwood. Dr. Patricia Cormier clarified the difference between SCHEV Council and SCHEV Staff. The administration is concerned with the analysis of Longwood by the Staff. It has been requested the SCHEV Staff provide "explicit" criteria for the annual report. She noted that Longwood is not receiving credit for our longstanding accomplishments, such as the privatization of dining hall and bookstore services. Dr. Frank Howe expressed the need for an evaluation of the evaluation procedure in place at SCHEV.

Dr. Patricia Cormier proceeded with the review of her meetings with legislators, committees, and alumni. Faculty salary increases, financial aid and capital outlay are areas where increases are sought. She has sent a plea to the faculty: assess their needs and accomplishments and provide this information for her review. She reported that alum visits have been "absolutely spectacularly wonderful" and they uniformly view the faculty as Longwood's biggest asset.

Dr. Patricia Cormier concluded with a review of the Summary of Responses to the 9/4/96 Presidential Memo and a call to use this for furthering our vision of Longwood College. She again highlighted "individual commitments and connectedness of faculty" as strong points. She emphasized specifically the interest in promoting a student culture that encourages the "life of mind" and requested the faculty help cultivate such an atmosphere and set the standards.

Ms. Denise James reported that the S.G.A. will not boycott faculty evaluations this semester as this is counterproductive to student/faculty relationships. She called for a meeting of student and faculty leaders to address concerns.

Ms. Kristine Palmer welcomed Dr. Vincent Cibbarelli and requested these notes reflect a "Thank you to Cynthia Thompson for assisting in the absence of Nancy Scruggs".

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Submitted for approval by Cynthia Thompson