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Subject: Agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting, December 12, 2002

The Faculty Senate will meet on Thursday, December 12, 2002, at 3:20 **IN HULL 129**.

1. Approval of minutes (attached)
2. Proposed revision of the Policy on External Grants and Contracts (attached)--Dr. Cordle
3. Action and information items from EPC (attached)--Dr. Hall
4. New business

Two information items, the first from the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services:
From: Sue McCullough <smccullo@longwood.edu>
Subject: CDIS Closure

This is an informational item for the Faculty Senate.

I regret to inform you that the Communication Disorders program will be phased out over the next three years.

This decision was made based on several facts:

1. The program does not meet SACS standards, particularly the standard that requires that 25% of the courses in the discipline be taught by faculty who hold the terminal degree in the discipline. It has not met this standard since 1999.
2. Efforts over the last few years to recruit doctoral level faculty have not been successful.
3. Nationally, the number of doctoral candidates graduating in Communication Disorders has decreased more than 50% in recent years making the supply diminish and the demand push salaries up significantly. We must compete with larger and better funded universities and we have not been able to do that successfully.
4. Enrollment in the program has dropped from a high of 60 students in 1997 to 35 this year. Nationwide statistics substantiate that this is a national problem and not unique to Longwood. Again, competition for students is great and students may be choosing to go to programs that also have a Master's program since that is the required entry level for licensed practice as a speech pathologist. We cannot support a Master's program with current resources.

I want to emphasize that the quality of our program has remained high despite these factors. Last year, of 16 graduates 10 applied to graduate school and all were accepted, a 100% acceptance rate. However, 37.5% chose not to go onto graduate school, contributing to the decrease in qualified speech pathologists

as well as contributing to unqualified individuals being hired by school districts to fill greatly needed openings.

We met with the CDIS students on Thursday, November 21, to inform them. They were given the Phase-out plan and advised regarding the plans for the next three years. We are committed to graduating all those students currently in the program. No new students will be admitted.

Despite efforts to find a solution other than this one, I have not been successful. Gayle Daly and Peggy Agee have worked very hard on behalf of their students and their program. I want to acknowledge and praise their professionalism and dedication to Longwood, their students and their profession. This is a deeply painful decision for all of us but one for which I take full responsibility.

Second information item:

Dr. McWee says that on Tuesday, December 10, the AAC will vote on recommending a proposed change in the rank of Lecturer and the creation a Senior Lecturer rank. He will forward this proposal, if passed, to the Committee on Promotion and Tenure Procedures. That committee will then make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate.

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