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Faculty Senate Meeting
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Dr. McWee called the meeting of the Longwood Faculty Senate to order at 3:35 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. John Arehart	Dr. Earl Gibbons	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Pat Barber	Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Darryl Poole
Dr. Sarah Bingham	Dr. Frank Howe	Mr. Chris Register
Dr. Chuck Blauvelt	Dr. Judy Johnson	Dr. James Scepanisky
Dr. Norman Bregman	Dr. Charles Kinzer	Dr. Betty Jo Simmons
Dr. Theresa Clark	Ms. Claire LaRoche	Dr. Bill Stuart
Dr. David Coles	Dr. Sharon McCaslin	Dr. Gordon Van Ness
Dr. David Cordle	Dr. Sue McCullough	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Carolyn Craft	Dr. Tony Palombella	Mr. Lance Griffin

Dr. Jená Burges was absent. Dr. Larissa Smith, Dr. Geoff Orth, and Dr. Mary Flanigan also attended.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of February 13 passed.

For the EPC Dr. Hall moved seriatim the following new/revised courses:

- HONS350, Surviving Hard Times/2 credits
- GNED2F1, Exploring Science in our World/4 credits/Goal 6
- MUSC102, 103, 104, Instrumental Ensembles/1 credit each/Goal 4
- MUSC105, 106, 107, Choral Ensembles/1 credit each, Goal 4
- MATH164, Precalculus/3 credits/Goal 5

Each motion passed.

Dr. Hall then moved the following policy clarification and catalog wording changes affecting transfer students:

- A. An accepted transfer student who has earned an Associate in Arts degree (AA), an Associate in Science degree (AS) or an Associate in Arts and Sciences degree (AA&S) from the VCCS, RBC, MCCS or other approved out-of-state associate degree program, **prior** to entering Longwood is considered to have satisfied Longwood's General Education Goals 1-9 and 11, is guaranteed junior class status, and is guaranteed that all credit earned for that degree will transfer (including D grades unless otherwise restricted for native students). The student must then meet major and degree requirements, except where those requirements have been met as part of the two-year college curriculum. Re-admit students cannot enter under the Articulation Agreement. (p. 55, 02-03)

- B. **GOAL 10.** The ability to communicate and function in a globally interdependent world as developed through foreign language study (three credits). NOTE: Students who complete a foreign language course at the 202 level or above as part of the Additional Degree Requirements are exempted from this goal. Goal 10 is not fulfilled through articulation agreements. Foreign language study must be at the 201 level or higher. (p. 67 in 02-03 desk copy)

The motion passed with one abstention.

Dr. Hall moved for the EPC a new track for the liberal studies program, the Liberal Studies Major with Middle School License, attached. The motion carried.

Dr. Hall moved the approval of a new program, a Criminology and Criminal Justice minor. The motion passed. She then moved the approval of an extensive program change in the Therapeutic Recreation major. That motion passed. The details of these programs are in the attachment to the agenda for the meeting.

At this point business was suspended for a presentations by President Cormier, Ms. Worster, and Ms. Burton. President Cormier assured the Senate that the issues of faculty salary and workload were on her mind constantly. She has authorized 9 new positions and will fight for the next raise to be added to base pay, although the state may negate the effect of that when it has money to allocate. She is trying, however, to argue the case for local control of revenues.

Ms. Worster explained some of the items to be discussed with the Board of Visitors on March 21. Among these will be an increase not only in tuition (about 9% or \$254.00) but also in auxiliary fees—dining, housing, comprehensive fee. The total would be 11%, between \$1100.00 and \$1200.00 per student. Among the uses of the new revenue from tuition are the following;

- \$400,000 for financial aid, scholarships, workstudy

- \$176,000 for University workstudy

- \$550,000 for new faculty positions

- \$450,000 for the faculty salary pool (which will cover equity adjustments and promotions as well as raises)

- \$300,000 for the contingency fund

- \$50,000 for operating support for foundation commitments

Ms. Worster pointed out that the state is now requiring Longwood to provide 46% of health care coverage and 41% of the 2.25 salary increase from its own funds.

Ms. Burton explained that the endowment assets have lost value over the last three years (although we are in the top quartile of those who have lost the least). The Foundation has reached a point where it must limit the pay-out from endowments. There are workable short-term (two-year) solutions to some of the problems, but if the market does not turn around in that time there is trouble ahead. There are two categories of scholarships, and the unrestricted or not permanently endowed can be used to support the scholarships now held by current students. The Foundation has raised \$14,000,000 over the past two years for scholarships but must maintain the corpus of the endowment. Some very good news is that annual giving remains strong.

Dr. Hall then presented the need for clarification of the BS Additional Degree Requirement in Natural Science. The requirement currently reads "Natural Science (4 credits)" which has been interpreted by some to mean a lab science, although the catalog does not so specify. Dr. Barber moved to table the issue until the Senate meeting on April 10 so that the science department would have a chance to discuss it. The motion passed.

Dr. Smith commented on the proposed rewrite of the Policy on External Grants and Contracts, explaining that the ad hoc committee hoped to facilitate the process and encourage more faculty to

apply for grants. She invites feedback from the Senate and from all faculty and plans to have a revision ready for consideration on April 10.

Mr. Griffin said that there were a few changes in the SGA requests he presented to the Senate last month. He has had discussions with Dr. McWee and will keep Dr. McWee informed of SGA concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Susan May