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

Dr. John Arehart	Dr. Stephen Keith	Dr. Tony Palombella
Dr. Sarah Bingham	Ms. Elizabeth Kocevar-Weidinger	Dr. Ken Perkins
Dr. Chuck Blauvelt	Dr. Charles Kinzer	Mr. Chris Register
Dr. Norman Bregman	Dr. Robert May	Dr. Betty Jo Simmons
Dr. David Coles	Dr. Wayne McWee	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Carolyn Craft	Dr. Eric Moore	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Jackie Hall		Dr. Tim Pierson

Unable to attend were Dr. Cheryl Adkins, Dr. Chris Bjornsen, Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais, Dr. Jená Burges, Dr. David Cordle, Dr. Mary Flanigan, Dr. Sue McCullough, Dr. Keith Rider, Dr. Bill Stuart. Also present were Ms. Bobbie Burton, Ms. Darlene Selz, Ms. Alecia Knox, and R. Rick Mazzuto.

In the absence of a quorum at the opening of the meeting, Dr. Howe called on Ms. Burton to report on Foundation matters. Things are looking up, she said, and if the trend continues accounts should be back on line by year's end, and payouts from quasi-endowments may be resumed. She called attention to the front-page story on endowments in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* of January 23. Longwood compares favorably with even the big Universities in last year's increase (including earnings and gifts). She handed out the attached sheet based on a study by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. The decision to freeze payouts has paid off for Longwood. The Foundation has now allotted 10% of its investments to hedge funds which tend to even out the up- and down-trends.

Ms. Burton reported that Dr. Cormier, who couldn't be present, has been talking to the ARAMARK people and has arranged for Alumni House use for internal staff events. That means, for example, that a department could hold a potluck meal there. Mike Lysaght will forward to department chairs the actual guidelines for using the Alumni House for such activities.

Dr. Howe called for approval of the minutes and they were accepted as distributed.

Dr. Hall for EPC moved the approval of GEOG 220—Geography of South America/3cr. The motion passed. She then moved the clarification of the humanities requirement for the BA, BM, and BFA degrees; “modern language at any level and not in the major discipline would satisfy the humanities requirement (if the course is not already meeting a degree or general education requirement).” The motion passed.

Dr. Hall then informed the group that a new Transfer Guide incorporating substantial changes is now ready and available through the Admissions home page. Starting immediately all transfer credits will be evaluated according to this guide. Students currently enrolled in approved courses will not be adversely affected.

Dr. Bingham for the Executive Committee introduced a discussion of a committee on diversity. After considerable debate, the Senate voted to limit the focus of this committee at this time to faculty recruitment. Suggestions for committee composition were agreed on by consensus: the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Multicultural Affairs, faculty members from each college (possibly CAS 2, EHS 1, CBE 1), preferably with interest in and experience on such a committee and/or with search committee experience, a student representative recommended by SGA. The committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Senate.

Dr. Arehart, for the Executive Committee, moved that the Senate send to the Faculty Senate of Virginia a request to pursue the issue of the onset of annual raises. The motion passed.

Dr. Hall moved adjournment. Dr. Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:25.

Susan May