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Faculty Senate Meeting
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October 9, 2003

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

Dr. Cheryl Adkins	Dr. Carolyn Craft	Dr. Eric Moore
Dr. John Arehart	Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Tony Palombella
Dr. Sarah Bingham	Dr. Stephen Keith	Dr. Ken Perkins
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Ms. Elizabeth Kocevar-	Mr. Chris Register
Dr. Chuck Blauvelt	Weidinger	Dr. Betty Jo Simmons
Dr. Rhonda Brock-	Dr. Robert May	Dr. Bill Stuart
Servais	Dr. Sue McCullough	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Jená Burges	Dr. Wayne McWee	Dr. Tim Pierson

Absent were Dr. Norman Bregman, Dr. David Coles, Dr. David Cordle, Dr. Mary Flanigan, Dr. Charles Kinzer, Dr. Keith Rider, Dr. Linda Wright, and Mr. Dan Gauvin. Also attending were Ms. Alecia Knox and Mr. Rick Mazzuto.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Dr. Howe called on Mr. Rick Mazzuto who talked about Longwood's reclassification as a Division I university, a four-year process which will change the university's level of competition but not the roster of sports. (We'll be D-I triple A which consists of schools without football.) Longwood is currently in year one and next year will meet all Division I rules and regulations. Longwood has applied for membership in the Big South conference; membership would ease the severe scheduling difficulties independents face in trying to balance away games with at-home games. Mr. Mazzuto asked that those with issues concerning individual athletes or groups of athletes call him so that the problems can be resolved. In response to questions he outlined the anticipated changes to physical facilities over the next five years, and he explained the institution of team Moderators which he has found beneficial in the past. (A description of the Moderators is attached.)

Dr. Howe called for information from Senators and their departments about problems with the bookstore. A number of very specific problems, particularly with orders, timeliness, and pricing, were outlined, and Ms. Worster assured the Senate that she would work on these matters promptly and report the results to the Senate in November.

Dr. Howe introduced the topic of election criteria for senators, and only one department had serious reservations about the election of untenured faculty to the Senate. The consensus was that the matter be left to the departments and the potential candidates.

Dr. Howe announced two information items: the Executive Committee has referred to EPC the discrepancies in class length between late afternoon and night classes at the graduate level. He also informed the group that Dr. Bregman was working on funding

for sabbaticals and connections and would be informing the faculty of availability of funds “soon.”

Dr. Pierson told the group that he had met with SGA representatives about the substance of their concerns about funding of student organizations and that their focus was really on adherence to the Student Activity Fees Bylaws.

Dr. McWee moved adjournment; the motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Susan May