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Faculty Senate Meeting
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Dr. Howe called the meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 3:32 p.m. and thanked Dr. McWee for providing refreshments. The following members were present:

Dr. Cheryl Adkins	Dr. Judy Johnson	Dr. Ken Perkins
Dr. John Arehart	Dr. Chris Jones	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Sarah Bingham	Dr. Stephen Keith	Mr. Chris Register
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Ms. Elizabeth Kocevar-	Dr. Carol Rezba
Dr. Rhonda Brock-	Weidinger	Dr. Keith Rider
Servais	Dr. Robert Lynch	Dr. Gordon Ring
Dr. Craig Challenger	Dr. Wayne McWee	Dr. Pam Tracy
Dr. David Coles	Ms. Sharon Menegoni	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Carolyn Craft	Dr. Eric Moore	Ms. Sara Qualkinbush
Dr. Mary Flanigan	Dr. Tony Palombella	

Senators unable to attend were Dr. David Cordle, Dr. Evelyn Hume, Dr. Sue McCullough, and Ms. Kathy Worster. Also attending were Mr. Wendell Barbour, Ms. Loretta Coughlin, Ms. Gayle Daly, Dr. Lisa Olenik, Dr. Geoffrey Orth, and Dr. Lissa Power-deFur.

The minutes of the September Senate meeting were approved as distributed.

Ms. Menegoni for EPC moved the approval of two new programs, the MS in Communication Sciences and Disorders and the BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Dr. McWee emphasized that the Senate was being asked to approve the academic content of the programs, but that if funding grants were not forthcoming the programs would not be implemented. The motion passed.

With the permission of the Senate, Dr. Howe turned next to two information items. Dr. Johnson explained for the Search Committee for the VPAA a process by which more faculty than those on the search committee would be directly involved in the search process. Three subgroups of the search committee will be involved in the interview process, each group made up of six faculty members in addition to two Search Committee Members and two staff. The faculty for each subgroup will be selected by the Senate Executive Committee according to a process the Executive Committee will work out.

The second item was a request from Dr. Arehart for comments on and approval of the Statement of Concern about the possible chartering of the University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the College of William and Mary (circulated to the Senate on October 12). The Senate voted approval.

Dr. Howe called on Dr. Bingham who moved on behalf of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure Procedures the deletion of item 7 of the policy on "Rank of Lecturer." Dr. Arehart moved the substitution of the following motion:

The usual term for a lecturer does not exceed six years. In appropriate circumstances the Department Chair with the concurrence of the Department Promotion and Tenure Committee may request an exception to extend the term as lecturer. The request will be made by the end of September of the sixth year. By the middle of October the lecturer will supply a professional file to the Dean who would decide on the seventh year using all the criteria for tenure except those involving research and/or the terminal degree. The final decision is made by the VPAA.

A lecturer who is hired into his or her seventh year would expect a continuing yearly contract and may only be terminated under those rules that exist for a tenured faculty member (including post tenure review) or if a search is conducted with the intention of hiring a tenure track faculty member. In the latter case, the lecturer must be given a one year's notice that this will occur.

The motion was seconded and defeated. Dr. Rider moved the substitution of the following motion:

Lecturer positions are temporary substitutes for tenure track positions; therefore, lecturers may not serve more than a total of six years at this rank. Outstanding lecturers who lack a terminal degree are encouraged to seek an exemption from the terminal degree requirement (see Section III.K and Appendix A), so that they may apply for permanent, tenure-track appointments.

Lecturers who were initially hired before 2005 will be treated under the Rank of Lecturer description in the 2004-2005 FPPM.

The motion was seconded. Dr. Palombello moved to table the motion. His motion was seconded and defeated. Dr. Rider's motion was defeated. Dr. Bingham made a motion to table the issue to allow for further committee debate and action. Her motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Howe adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:40.

Susan May

Items pending:

Intellectual property policy

Proposal on the rank of lecturer

Student course evaluation process and forms