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Dr Hall called the March meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Cheryl Adkins	Dr. Stephen Keith	Ms. Sharon Menegoni
Dr. Brian Bates	Ms. Virginia Kinman	Dr. Kelly Nelson
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Chrystyna	Dr. Carmen Phelps
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Kosarchyn	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. David Coles	Dr. Robert Lynch	Dr. Keith Rider
Dr. Joe Garcia	Dr. Dennis Malfatti	Dr. Pamela Tracy
Dr. Evelyn Hume	Dr. Melanie Marks	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Chris Jones	Dr. Wayne McWee	Ms. Kathy Worster
	Dr. Ruth Meese	

Members absent were Dr. Craig Challender, Dr. Deneese Jones, Dr. Ed. Kinman, Dr. Sue McCullough, Dr. Jeffery Peden, Dr. Charles Ross, Dr. Larissa Smith, and Ms. Sara Qualkinbush. Also in attendance were Mr. Wendell Barbour and Dr. Ramesh Rao.

The minutes (attached to the agenda) were approved with the elimination of the words *comments on or* from paragraph four and the correction of two typographical errors.

Ms. Menegoni presented the EPC report (attached to the agenda) and moved the approval of the first action item, the new concentrations proposed by Department of Communication Studies and Theater in Organizational and Strategic Communication and in Mass Media. The motion passed. She moved the approval of a new General Education course proposed by the Department of Natural Sciences: GNED 162, Introduction to Environmental Science. The motion passed. She moved the proposal from the College of Business and Economics for a concentration in Real Estate. The motion passed.

Dr. Hall called on Ms. Worster who made two announcements. The first dealt with Payline; to continue business as usual would cost the University \$66,000.00 a year, therefore it is imperative that the University make a change. Training will be offered to all who need it, and kiosks will be available to those who do not have access to computers. Ms. Worster's second announcement concerned the changes in tuition and fees that will come before the Board of Visitors at the March meeting. Students will be charged tuition according to the credit hours for which they register, not by the semester. Currently students registering for light schedules are subsidizing those who register for 18 hours. Financial aid will be adjusted to accommodate the difference. The new arrangement should not affect students with minors but will have an impact on students with double majors. For more details, see your Senator.

Dr. Brock-Servais presented the statement in support of the student proposal to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination statement (attached to the agenda). The writers of the statement agreed to clarify the fourth bullet statement by changing it to read "... a pledge to prohibit sexual-orientation discrimination" and in the fifth bullet by changing it to read "... have sexual-orientation in their affirmative action statements." During a discussion of the words *gender* and *sex* Dr. Jones made a motion to table the statement. His motion was seconded and defeated. The Senate voted approval of the statement of support as reworded.

Dr. Hall called on Dr. Wright who explained that the Broadcast E-Mail Policy (attached to the agenda) was presented as an information item as it would go to the Board from Dr. Moore with input from the ad hoc committee. She said that because the portal necessary for the new policy was up to two years away, a Forum for faculty and staff discussion would be created to accommodate any kind of announcement or discussion, but that broadcast e-mail would be the province of the administration only for emergency communication and information central to the operation of the University. Dr. Wright moved the following resolution to be presented to the Board of Visitors in March if the Forum is not yet in place: "The Faculty Senate requests that the policy be suspended until such time as the Forum becomes available." The motion was seconded and passed. The Senate thanked Dr. Wright and her committee for their efforts.

Dr. Hall announced that the faculty who would serve through June, 2007, on the Longwood University Committee for a Sustainable Environment are Anna Cox and Carl Riden. She also asked Senators to encourage their departments to come to the General Faculty Meeting on March 30 when the new by-laws would be presented for adoption, and she reminded them of the reception for retirees that would follow at 4:30.

Dr. Jones respectfully requested, in order for the members of his department (Counseling, Special Education, Educational Leadership, Library and Media, Literacy and Culture, Social Work, and Communication Disorders) to make decisions regarding summer courses, that the VPAA provide an accurate timeline regarding when the decision on the proposed increase in summer pay will be made. Dr. McWee responded that he has asked the Deans to submit their recommendations in writing and that he was waiting for those recommendations.

Dr. Jones suggested that the Senate recognize Dr. Marks for her accomplishments and her selection by SCHEV for an Outstanding Faculty award. After applause, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Susan May