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Opening Faculty Meeting
August 26, 2005
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Dr. Hall called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. She called on Dr. Tracy who presented from the Executive Committee of the Senate a resolution that Longwood University faculty recognize and commend Dr. Frank Howe for his leadership as Faculty Senate chair for 3 years including 2 recent consecutive terms.

After generous applause, the faculty passed the motion without dissent.

Dr. Hall called for additions or corrections to the faculty meeting minutes of August 27, 2004, and March 31, 2005; the minutes were approved as distributed.

Dr. Hall opened the floor for nominations for faculty representative to the Board of Visitors. Dr. Brock-Servais nominated Dr. Craig Challender. Dr. Harbour moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Challender was elected.

In response to Dr. Hall's report about faculty action last spring nominating Dr. John Arehart as faculty representative to the Faculty Senate of Virginia, Dr. Brown moved that the nominations be closed. His motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Arehart was elected.

Dr. Kinzer for the Faculty Status Committee explained the committee's function of hearing faculty grievances, referred people to the section on the committee in the FPPM, and announced the membership for the coming year: continuing members Martha Cook, Ken Perkins, and Robert Webber (chair); new members Rená Koesler and Bill Harbour; alternates Jim Jordan, Jim Crowl, David Carkenord, Mc Amoss, Craig Challender.

Dr. Hall called on Dr. McWee, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who welcomed the faculty and thanked the departments who have borne with good grace inconveniences caused by minor disasters--sociology, psychology, and natural sciences. He spoke of an important focus for the year--our success rate as measured by retention. The Legislature's action granting three types of charter status to state institutions has imposed on the university 57 goals by which funding will be determined. Among those are:

1. entering class size--and Longwood's is down this year
2. progression from freshman to sophomore status--and our percentage while good nationally is down from last year's and is sixth in the state
3. degrees granted--and our senior class is smaller this year than last
4. the time it takes to earn a degree--and we do very well here at just over 4.5 years.

Dr. McWee asked the faculty to do four things to help in this endeavor:

1. Give mid-term estimates as required for all freshmen and all students earning grades under C (last year fewer than 50% of failing students had been given estimates).

Estimates alert academic support services to student needs. It wouldn't hurt to give estimates for all students.

2. Take attendance, especially in the first few weeks so that the class rosters you turn in to the registrar's office will be accurate.

3. Make contact with students whenever possible, especially in the first few weeks. Finding ways to engage them early is important and provides help that new students are reluctant of seek out themselves.

4. When referring students to other offices and services on campus, call ahead to make sure you are sending them to the right place. Too often students are sent to the wrong place for assistance.

Dr. McWee turned to the introduction of the new deans, Dr. Ross and Dr. Jones, and then called on Dr. Ross to introduce new faculty and chairs in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Department of Art:

Ms. Kerry Cushman

Mr. John R. Williams

Mr. Chris Register, Chair

Department of Communication Studies and Theatre

Mr. Chandler Harriss

Ms. Melissa Koger

Dr. Ramesh Rao, Chair

Department of English and Modern Languages

Dr. Chene Heady

Ms. Lara Plate

Dr. Larissa Tracy

Dr. Russell Schweller

Mr. Javiar Fernandez

Mr. Luis Guzman

Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy

Mr. David Geraghty

Dr. Derek Boyd

Dr. Mark Lukas

Dr. Jim Munson, Chair

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Dr. Michael Capps

Dr. John Graham

Department of Natural Sciences

Dr. Thomas Akre

Dr. Melissa Zwick

Dr. Daniel Druckenbrod

Dr. Todd DeLong

Dr. Enza McCauley

Dr. Michelle Parry, Chair

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice

Dr. Pamela Messier

Dr. Jami Myers

Dr. Jones, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services made introductions for her College:

Department of Education, Special Education, and Social Work

Dr. Linwood Cousins

Dr. Carol Dudding

Dr. Donald Fleming

Dr. Lucia Lu

Dr. Antony Norman

Dr. James Pirkle

Dr. Barbara Williams

Department of Health, Recreation, and Kinesiology

Ms. Melissa Groft

Mr. Donald Herlan

Ms. Donna Canary

Dr. Brenda Reeves

Dr. Hume for the College of Business and Economics introduced

Dr. Chandrashekhhar Lakshman

Dr. Hall asked faculty to put the date of the next general faculty meeting on their calendars—March 30, 2006, at 3:30.

Dr. Cook urged people to attend Convocation and talked about the speaker, Ms. Scott, Longwood's first African-American graduate.

There was no new business, and Dr. Brown moved adjournment. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Susan May