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

	Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Sharon Menegoni
Dr. Cheryl Adkins	Dr. Bill Harbour	Dr. Don Merkle
Dr. Mc Amoss	Dr. Stephen Keith	Dr. Melanie Marks
Dr. Sarah Bingham	Dr. Ed Kinman	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Chrystyna	Dr. Larissa Smith
Mr. Matt Bogar	Kosarchyn	Dr. Pam Tracy
Mr. Martin Brief	Dr. Robert Lynch	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Bill Burger	Dr. Wayne McWee	
Dr. Linwood Cousins	Dr. Ruth Meese	

Members not attending were Ms. Virginia Kinman, Dr. Dennis Malfatti, Dr. Jeffery Peden, Dr. Keith Rider, Mr. Wendell Barbour, Dr. Jim Cross, Dr. Denise Jones, Dr. Sue McCullough, Dr. Tim Pierson, and Ms. Kathy Worster. Others attending were Ms. Alecia Knox, Dr. Mark Lenker, Dr. Susan Lynch, Dr. Pat Lust, and Dr. Micah McCreary.

In the absence of a quorum at the outset, Dr. Brock-Servais called on Dr. Menegoni to present the information items from EPC (attached to the agenda). She explained the change of course number from CHEM 232 to CHEM 350 and the change to KINS 380 making that course speaking intensive retroactive to the 2003 catalog.

Dr. McWee distributed copies of Governor Kaine's Smoking Ban policy (attached to the minutes) for state buildings and vehicles and pointed out several possible future provisions including restrictions on smoking outside on state-owned property, incentives for smoking cessation programs, and "pricing the State Employee Health Insurance Program based on smoking and nonsmoking rates," with an additional cost to smokers of up to 50 or 100%. He also asked the Senate's advice about the violations of the current policy on the Longwood campus.

With a quorum present, Dr. Brock-Servais asked for approval of the minutes. With the deletion of Dr. Sarah Bingham's name from the list of those present, the minutes for October 12, 2006, were approved.

For the Committee on Promotion and Tenure Policies and Procedures Dr. Bjornsen moved the adoption of changes to the Criteria for Faculty Evaluation (attached to the agenda), specifically A. 6 and the deletion of A. 12. After considerable discussion, Dr. Harbour moved the previous question. His motion was seconded and <u>carried</u>. The main motion <u>carried</u> with the understanding that non-substantive editing was acceptable.

Dr. Brock Servais called on Dr. Smith who moved on behalf of the Executive Committee the adoption of a resolution in support of a functional monument to First Amendment rights on Longwood's campus. The motion was seconded and <u>carried</u>.

Dr. Brock-Servais announced that there were no volunteers to work on a Senate web site and that the issue would be postponed until the new system is operational. Dr. Smith announced that the Global Democracy Conference schedule was now on the web site and reminded faculty that the deadline for the essay contests is December 1.

Dr. Harbour asked about the progress of the parking investigation, and Dr. Marks explained what she was doing and said that a report should be ready in time for the December Senate meeting when Chief Lowe and Mr. Bratcher would be present.

Dr. Bingham raised the possibility of enlisting the Faculty Senate of Virginia and the Board of Visitors in an effort to restore faculty raises to the beginning of the fiscal year instead of their postponement until January. Dr. Harbour made a motion to authorize the Executive Committee to draw up a resolution to that effect in time for Ms. Menegoni to present it at the December meeting of the Board of Visitors and for Dr. Arehart to take to the Faculty Senate of Virginia. The motion was seconded and <u>carried</u>.

Dr. Marks raised a concern some colleagues have about requiring students to attend events outside of class. What is appropriate, especially if the requirement has not appeared on the syllabus? Dr. McWee responded that such requirements were acceptable when there is a connection to the course and especially when the event can be integrated into the class discussion.

Dr. Bjornsen urged faculty to attend the session that will be held at the end of November on the Luminous Portal Banner initiative. Faculty input is important, especially before the final adjustments are made.

Dr. Marks moved adjournment. The motion was seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Susan May