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The opening faculty meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 25, at 9:00 a.m. in Hiner 207. Beginning at 8:30, coffee, juice, and Danish will be available in the Hiner lobby.

1. Approval of the minutes of the spring faculty meeting (attached)
2. Election of a faculty representative to the Board of Visitors
3. Report from the Faculty Status Committee--Dr. Webber
4. Amendments to the Senate by-laws (attached)--Dr. May
5. Announcement about the Global Democracy Conference--Dr. Cole
6. Introduction of new faculty
7. New business

Spring General Faculty Meeting  
March 30, 2006  
Hiner 207

Dr. Hall called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The minutes (attached to the agenda) were approved as distributed.

She opened the floor for nominations for a representative to the Faculty Senate of Virginia. Dr. John Arehart was nominated; there was a second, and John was elected by acclamation.

Dr. Hall reported on the Senate's work during the 2005-06 academic year. The Senate made committee appointments and oversaw the work of those committees. It acted on numerous proposals from the Committee on Educational Policy and considered concerns sent to the Senate by faculty members. The Executive Committee and the Senate worked on facilitating communication between faculty members and between the faculty and the administration. They established an ad hoc committee on broadcast email which worked to modify the original proposal. An ad hoc committee on the Senate's by-laws was charged with clarifying communication responsibilities between Senators and their constituencies as well as communication responsibilities between the faculty and the administration. The President's Advisory Committee encouraged President Cormier's meeting with faculty and staff to keep people abreast of plans for the campus and its facilities.

Dr. Hall called on Dr. Scott Cole who announced that Longwood would host a three-day conference in connection with the commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jamestown settlement. Scheduled for January 25-27, 2007, the conference will include a keynote speaker of national or international stature and academic sessions on the challenges facing democracies in developing and developed countries. Dr. Geoffroy de Laforcade, Dr. Geoff Orth, Dr. Larissa Smith, and Dr. Pam Tracy are on the committee on curriculum for the sessions; Dr. Cole invited faculty to share their ideas with the committee members.

Dr. Brock-Servais, chair of the ad hoc by-laws committee, presented the revised By-laws (attached to the agenda) and moved adoption. She then called attention to some verbal changes the committee was recommending and moved the adoption of the first amendment to Article II, Section 1, which deletes the words *climate and direction* and replaces them with the word *mission*. The amendment passed. Dr. Brock-Servais moved passage of an amendment to Article II, Section 2, which deletes the words *shall have responsibility to* and replaces them with the word *may* and deletes the phrase *and any other matter that affects faculty, students or the character of the University* and replaces it with the sentence *The Senate may discuss, debate, and formulate positions on other matters it deems appropriate*. The amendment passed.

Dr. Bingham moved an amendment to Article III, section 2, that would delete the words *The President of the University, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for*

*Administration and Finance, Vice President for Student Affairs, Academic Deans, Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors, and also the words and enjoy full floor privileges, including the making of motions, on all matters before the Senate. The Academic Deans shall also enjoy voting privileges on all matters before the Senate. The amendment would include the words The Chair of the Educational Policy Committee and a Student Representative chosen by the Student Government, shall also be ex-officio members. The motion was defeated.*

Dr. Brock-Servais made a motion to amend paragraph 2 of Article VI, Section 1, by replacing the words *placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the Board* with the words *sent as soon as possible to the Board as a requested agenda item*. The motion included the insertion in the third paragraph of the word *business* between the words *fifteen* and *days* and the replacement of the words *petition the Board for a hearing* with the words *request, through the President, that the item be placed on the Board of Visitors' agenda*. The motion passed.

The document as amended passed.

Dr. Bates moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**The Longwood faculty respectfully asks the administration and Board of Visitors to support the adoption of these bylaws and their inclusion in the Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual. The bylaws recognize the final authority of the Board of Visitors and we affirm that nothing in these bylaws should be interpreted by anyone to limit in any way the ultimate authority of the Board of Visitors or the recognized authority of the President of the University.**

The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Harbour made a motion asking the Executive Committee to appoint committees for the coming year according to the newly revised by-laws in anticipation of the good will of the Board of Visitors. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Hall thanked the ad hoc By-laws Committee, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Susan May

At the spring faculty meeting the faculty passed a number of amendments to the bylaws of the Longwood Faculty Senate. Three additional amendments will be presented at the opening faculty meeting on August 25.

Amendment 1 to Article VI, Section 1, paragraph 2:

Current wording:

Recommendations approved by the administration will be implemented in a timely fashion; those requiring Board of Visitors action will, if approved by the President, be sent as soon as possible to the Board **as a requested agenda item.**

The amendment is to remove the phrase in bold face type.

Amendment 2 to Article VI, Section 1, paragraph 3:

Current wording:

If a recommendation is not approved by the administration for implementation or not approved by the President for forwarding to the Board of Visitors, the appropriate administrator, within fifteen business days of receiving the recommendation, will provide reasons for the disapproval. The Senate will attempt to resolve any differences with the administration. **If no agreement is reached after a reasonable period of time, the Senate, upon a two-thirds vote of all Senators, may request, through the President, that the item be placed on the Board of Visitors' agenda.**

The amendment is to remove the sentence in bold face type.

Amendment 3 to Article VIII, Section 3:

Current wording:

**The Executive Committee shall be informed of policy proposals prior to the time they are submitted to the Board of Visitors with sufficient time to consider them and make any recommendations the faculty may have.**

The amendment would replace the above wording with the following:

In order to allow appropriate faculty input, the Executive Committee shall be informed of policy proposals that affect the academic mission of the institution while the proposals are under development.

Opening Faculty Meeting  
August 25, 2006  
Hiner 207

Dr. Brock-Servais called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes (attached to the agenda) were approved as distributed.

Dr. Brock-Servais called for nominations for a faculty representative to the Board of Visitors. Dr. Challender nominated Ms. Sharon Menegoni. The nomination was seconded, and there were no other nominations. Ms. Menegoni was elected.

Dr. Webber, reporting for the Faculty Status Committee, explained that the committee handled grievances for the faculty (see the committee description in the *FPPM*). He introduced this year's chair, Dr. Rená Koesler, who introduced continuing member Dr. Bill Harbour and new members Dr. Craig Challender, Dr. Doug Dalton, and Dr. Lisa Kinzer. Alternates are Dr. John Arehart, Dr. Pam Arkin, Dr. Ruth Meese, and Dr. Cheryl Adkins.

Dr. Brock-Servais called on Dr. Robert May who presented three proposed amendments to the Senate By-laws (attached to the agenda) and moved, on behalf of the By-laws Committee, the adoption of Amendment 1. The amendment passed. He moved the adoption of Amendment 2 and it passed. He moved the adoption of Amendment 3 which also passed.

Dr. Brock-Servais recognized Dr. de Laforcade who spoke about the importance of student involvement in the events of the Global Democracy Conference. He urged faculty to include pertinent activities in their syllabi and to consult with the project's curriculum committee, Dr. Orth, Dr. Smith, Dr. Tracy, and Dr. de Laforcade, about possible tie-ins for their classes. He announced an essay contest for students with a cash prize and an opportunity to present at the conference. (For the topic and details, see the information on the conference website at [longwood.edu/democracy](http://longwood.edu/democracy).)

Dr. Brock-Servais introduced Dr. Wayne McWee who welcomed the faculty and talked about the AAC retreat which focused on encouraging student involvement in the Democracy project. There is now a comprehensive list of campus events available under Events Calendar on the Academic Affairs page. He encouraged faculty to incorporate at least one event as part of their classes. He introduced Dr. James Cross, Interim Dean of the College of Business and Economics, and then called on Dr. Tim Pierson who introduced Dr. Sally Scott, Associate Professor of Special Education and Director of Disability Services. Dr. Geoffrey Orth introduced new appointments in Academic Affairs: Dr. Pam Tracy in charge of the Longwood Seminar, Dr. Claire McCoy, General Education, Dr. Larissa Smith, assistant director of the Honors Program, and Dr. Carl Riden and Dr. Wade Edwards, co-directors of Women's and Gender Studies.

For the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Ross introduced  
Amy Edmunds Agyeman, Lecturer in Communication Studies

Brian C. Cho, Lecturer in Biology  
Rodney B. Dunning, Assistant Professor of Physics  
Steve P. Faulkner, Assistant Professor of English  
Esther Liu Godfrey, Assistant Professor of British Literature  
Susan A. Hildebrandt, Assistant Professor of Spanish  
Jason S. Milne, Instructor in Sociology  
Rebecca S. Nelson, Associate Professor of Mathematics  
Melissa S. Panzarellor-Koger, Assistant Professor of Costume Design, Shop  
Manager

Inyong Park, Lecturer in Physics  
William Plail, Lecturer in English  
Lara L. Plate, Lecturer in English  
Heather Lettner-Rust, Lecturer in English  
Russell Schweller, Lecturer in English  
Scott J. Senn, Lecturer in Philosophy  
Jennifer L. Sheeler, Lecturer in English  
Natalia Smelkova, Lecturer in Biology  
Ginger Spivey, Lecturer in Art  
Susan C. Stinson, Lecturer in English  
Gena D. Southall, Assistant Professor of English Education  
Glenn E. White, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Biological  
and Environmental Sciences

Dr. Ross also announced new chairs: Dr. Melissa Rhoten, Department of Chemistry and Physics, Dr. Eric Laws, Department of Psychology, Dr. Brian Bates, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Dr. Mc Amoss, Department of English and Modern Languages, and Dr. Charlie Kinzer, Department of Music.

For the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Cross introduced  
Steven A. Samaras, Assistant Professor of Management  
Mary Martinez, Instructor in Military Science

For the College of Education and Human Services, Dr. Jones introduced  
Philip A. Gapinski, Assistant Professor of Health Education  
Matthew D. Lucas, Assistant Professor of Physical and Health Education  
William C. Thomson, Assistant Professor of Physical Education/Pedagogy  
Cynthia Schmidt, Assistant Professor of School Library Media  
Dr. Michele Smith, Office of Professional Services

For the Library, Mr. Wendell Barbour introduced  
Tammy Hines, Assistant Professor of Library Science  
Mark Lenker, Assistant Professor of Library Science

Dr. McWee also announced that Dr. Jones had been recognized as outstanding alumna of the year by Texas A&M University.

After a reminder that Senators from the departments represent the faculty in those departments and a reminder about the Honors ceremonies, Dr. Brock-Servais adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Susan May