

**Minutes of the Faculty Assembly
Regular Meeting
26 February 2002**

Name	Department	Present	Absent
Robert Archibald	Economics	X	
Jonathan Aries	Modern Languages	X	
David Armstrong	Physics	X	
Lan Cao	Law	X	
Bob Diaz	Marine Science		X
Dorothy Finnegan	Education	X	
Alan Fuchs	Philosophy	X	
Keith Griffioen	Physics	X	
William Hausman	Economics		X
Colleen Kennedy	English	X	
Katherine Kulick	Modern Languages	X	
John Lee	Law	X	
Bill O'Connell	Business	X	
John Olney	Marine Science	X	
Roger Reis	Education		X
Margaret Saha	Biology		X
Laurie Sanderson	Biology		X
Bill Stewart	Business	X	
Larry Ventis	Psychology		X
Alan Ward	Government	X	

Alternates in attendance were: Bill Hawthorne

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of 26 January 2002 were approved after minor edits.

Standing Committee Reports: Bill Stewart (Academic Affairs Committee) reported that he had met with Information Technology staff to discuss the status of the web site designed for course evaluation. The site is under development. Alan Fuchs (COPAR) reported that BPAC agreed to maximize consultations with the faculty in upcoming discussions on the budget. Representatives of master's degree programs that may be impacted by the cuts will meet to discuss these issues with BPAC and the A&S Dean of Graduate Studies. Alan Ward said that the Faculty Affairs committee will have a recommendation for revisions to the Post-Tenure Review policy soon. Bob Archibald (Liason) reported that the BOV Academic Affairs Committee heard presentations on faculty hiring practices.

Administrative Reports: Provost Cell indicated that she had little new information to report on the budget situation since the last open meeting of the Faculty. She briefed the Faculty Assembly on proposals dealing with college tuition that are in conference in the General Assembly as well as proposals for one-time faculty salary increases and leave options. She reported that a resolution to study tenure and tenure review had died in committee.

Other Business: Bob Archibald introduced a motion in the form of a resolution that was seconded by David Armstrong. The resolution was:

“As a result of the state’s budget difficulties, the College will have to make very painful cuts in its Education and General budget – faculty and staff positions will be lost and programs will be curtailed or eliminated.

It is very likely that the College will be permitted to increase tuition to lessen the effect of losses in general fund revenues.

The Faculty Assembly is very concerned about the effect of these changes on the charges faced by members of the student body.

Be it resolved that the Faculty Assembly encourages the Administration and the Board of Visitors to pay particular attention to tuition and fees, the full price that students pay. We urge the Administration and the Board to locate all possible savings in the Auxillary Enterprises budget to reduce, if possible, the fee portion of tuition and fees.”

Discussion ensued about the sources of College revenue and the calculation of fees associated with tuition. The resolution was passed by unanimous vote.

Clay Clemens presented a report by the Faculty Research Committee on the 2001-2002 recommendations to the Provost, the status of the Faculty research budget, current committee procedures, and a time series of data on applications and awards to faculty in the form of Faculty Research Assignments and Summer Research Grants. Questions and discussion ensued.

As Faculty Senate representatives, Bill Hawthorne and Jon Aries reported on HB 538, a bill to place non-voting faculty representatives on Boards of Visitors. The bill died in Health and Education Committee. The University of Virginia and Old Dominion University opposed the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Olney, Secretary