

**General Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2004
Alumni Room, 12:15 pm**

Faculty Senate President Purtle called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m., but a quorum was not achieved until 12:42 p.m.

I. Approval of May graduates – President Purtle asked for a motion to approve the May graduates. Motion made and seconded from the floor and the list was approved by voice vote.

Senator Kidd suggested that Part II of the agenda be altered and that Resolution #21 be considered first. The motion was seconded from the floor and approved by voice vote.

II. Resolutions Related to the Constitution

Resolution #2

Senator Wheeler read Resolution 21. Senator Underwood moved to approve the resolution and Senator Doyle seconded the motion for approval. President Purtle asked for discussion and hearing none called the question. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Christopher Newport University
Faculty Senate
Resolution 2003-2004: 21**

WHEREAS The timing of the spring break makes it difficult to hold Faculty Senate elections by March 15 with appropriate notification; and

WHEREAS Newly elected senators have no official function until the last meeting of the semester in late April or early May; and

WHEREAS Changing the time of the election of senators to the end of March provides for more time to send out agendas and schedule the election meetings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Law be amended in the Faculty Handbook as follows:

In Section XVII B 3 d (line 28) change **Elections shall be held each spring by March 15** to **Elections shall be held each spring by March 31.**

Resolution #1

Senator Wheeler read Resolution 12. Senator Knipp moved to approve the resolution and Senator Schwarze seconded the motion for approval. President Purtle asked for discussion and hearing none called the question.

The motion failed by a vote of 19-yes and 83-no.

Christopher Newport University Faculty Senate Resolution 2003-2004: 12

WHEREAS Incompatible schedules and an intensive teaching load make it difficult for General Faculty meetings at Christopher Newport University to attain a quorum such that they are able to conduct important university business; and

WHEREAS There are a number of schools among our peer institutions, including the University of Wisconsin at Parkside (30%) and Richard Stockton College of New Jersey (20%), that require less than 50% of the eligible voting body to constitute a quorum;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Handbook of CNU be amended to reduce the quorum requirement for General Faculty meetings from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$. The quorum for Specially Called meetings of the Faculty will remain at $\frac{1}{2}$.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

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Note: Before a quorum was made, the faculty present informally discussed ways to increase faculty turnout at general faculty meetings. The following suggestions were made:

- Have department chairs ensure that at least half of the department plans on attending
- Take roll at faculty meetings and publish attendance
- Public dates of meetings in advance, on the academic calendar
- Personalize the notice – put notices in each faculty member's mailbox