

**General Faculty Meeting**  
**November 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> 2002**

**I. Call to Order**

Faculty Senate President Tim Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m. after a quorum was reached.

**II. Certification of Graduates**

A motion to approve the list of graduates was moved and seconded. During discussion, the question was raised as to whether qualified student could be added to the list. The answer was yes, contingent on their completion of all requirements. The question was called and the calling of the question was seconded. The motion to certify the list of graduates passed unanimously.

**III. New Business**

**A. Faculty Resolution 2003-A:**

**Resolution 2003-A**

WHEREAS the recent budget cuts ordered by Governor Warner have placed severe financial constraints upon Christopher Newport University, and

WHEREAS in order to comply with Governor Warner's order the Board of Visitors declared a State of Emergency which suspended the provisions of the University Handbook, and

WHEREAS it is not healthy for the academic community to exist under a State of Emergency for any period of time longer than that which is necessary to handle the stated emergency,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests the Board of Visitors to end the State of Emergency and restore the authority of the University Handbook as soon as the stated emergency has been handled.

1. Faculty Senate President Marshall informed the Faculty that the Faculty Senate had unanimously voted to endorse this resolution. The resolution in its entirety was moved and seconded.
2. There was a motion to amend the resolution to read "the Faculty" rather than "the Faculty Senate." The motion to amend was called and seconded. The amendment passed with one abstention and no nays.
3. There was a second motion to amend the resolution to add the word 'immediately' and to remove the reference to 'as soon as the stated emergency has been handled'. In discussion, members of the Faculty inquired as to the possible ramifications of ending a state of emergency given that there may be more budget cuts in the spring semester. The question of the moved amendment was called and seconded. The amendment passed by voice vote.

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4. A third amendment was moved to have the third WHEREAS end after the word 'emergency'. The question was called on the amendment and seconded. The amendment passed by voice vote.
5. The question was called on the entire motion now reading as follows:

### **Resolution 2003-A**

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WHEREAS in order to comply with Governor Warner's order the Board of Visitors declared a State of Emergency which suspended the provisions of the University Handbook, and

WHEREAS it is not healthy for the academic community to exist under a State of Emergency,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty requests the Board of Visitors to end the State of Emergency immediately and restore the authority of the University Handbook.

The motion passed with 96 yeas, 2 nays and 2 abstentions.

### **B. Faculty Resolution 2003-B:**

### **Resolution 2003-B**

The Faculty Senate, believing that the Faculty have prime responsibility for academic programs even in times of budgetary problems, requests that all modifications of academic programs including their graduation requirements be subject to Faculty approval and not amended solely by Administrative fiat

1. Faculty Senate President Marshall informed the Faculty that the Faculty Senate had unanimously voted not to endorse this resolution. The resolution in its entirety was moved and seconded.
2. In discussion, the Faculty Senators explained that they had declined to support this resolution because they believed it to be motivated by changes to the RSWM program that were, for the most part, simply clarifications of the catalog by Provost Summerville. Several members of the faculty expressed their disagreement with this interpretation. At this point, discussion on the resolution in its entirety was suspended so that an amendment could be considered.
3. An amendment was moved and seconded to replace references to the Faculty Senate with references to the Faculty as a whole. The amendment passed by voice vote.

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4. A second amendment was moved and seconded to add “and /or Board of Visitors” prior to the word “fiat”. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion returned to the matter of the resolution in its entirety.
5. Members of the Faculty argued that while the letter of the catalog may have been honored, the spirit of the catalog had not. Faculty members had been forced to abdicate their roles as designers and overseers of the curriculum.
6. A request for a quorum called was made and seconded. The Secretary reported that the quorum had been lost. Faculty Senate President Marshall recessed the meeting at 3:56 p.m. and set at time to reconvene at 3:00 p.m. on Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

#### **IV. Senate President Marshall reconvened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. on Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, after a quorum was reached.**

##### **A. Discussion continues on Resolution 2003-B**

1. The question on the resolution in its entirety was called and seconded. The resolution now reading:

##### **Resolution 2003-B**

Inasmuch as the Faculty have prime responsibility for academic programs even in times of budgetary problems, the Faculty requests that all modifications of academic programs including their graduation requirements be subject to Faculty approval and not amended solely by Administrative and/ or Board of Visitors fiat.

2. The resolution passed with 82 yeas, 21 nays, and 4 abstentions.

##### **B. Resolution 2003-C**

##### **Resolution 2003-C**

WHEREAS the recent budget cuts ordered by Governor Warner have placed severe financial constraints upon Christopher Newport University, and

WHEREAS these financial constraints have the potential to cause long-term damage to the academic programs of the university,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests the Board of Visitors to consider tuition increases before the elimination of any additional academic programs.

1. The resolution in its entirety was moved and seconded.
2. An amendment was moved and seconded to remove the word “Senate” the motion passed unanimously.
3. A second amendment was moved and seconded to add “and other revenue enhancements”. In discussion, someone inquired as to the nature of ‘other revenue enhancement’. It was decided that this need not be specified, but could include student fees or indirect cost recoveries. The amendment passed unanimously and discussion returned to the resolution as a whole, now reading:

**Resolution 2003-C**

WHEREAS the recent budget cuts ordered by Governor Warner have placed severe financial constraints upon Christopher Newport University, and

WHEREAS these financial constraints have the potential to cause long-term damage to the academic programs of the university,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty requests the Board of Visitors to consider further tuition increases and other revenue enhancements before the elimination of any additional academic programs.

4. The question was called and seconded. Resolution C was passed by the Faculty with 9 nays, 1 abstention, and 102 yeas.

**C. Resolution 2003-D**

1. Resolution 2003-D was moved and seconded in its entirety.

**Resolution 2003-D**

The Faculty Senate, believing that the Faculty have prime responsibility for academic programs, requests that

1. The CNU Administration and Board of Visitors reconsider their decision to close academic programs until they have had the opportunity to receive Faculty and Student opinions, and  
2. A new analysis of budgetary numbers be done taking into account the effects of tuition increases, redirection of Student fees and other revenue enhancements on the maintenance of Academic programs.

2. An amendment was proposed and seconded to replace “The Faculty Senate, believing that the Faculty” with “Inasmuch as Faculties traditionally” and adding “the Faculty of CNU” prior to requests that.

3. In discussion, it was observed that although the Board of Visitors has the legal power to do as they wish, there is a difference between authority and responsibility. The Faculty is comprised of curricular experts and the responsibility for the curriculum is and should be theirs.

4. The question on the amendment was called and seconded and the amendment passed with 1 nay and 2 abstentions.

5. A second amendment was moved and seconded to add “until they have received Faculty and Student opinions”. The question on the amendment was called and seconded and the amendment passed.

6. A third amendment was moved and seconded to add additional before received. The motion to amend passed by voice vote.

7. In discussion, there was concern about from where such input would come. A final amendment was moved and seconded and passed with the resolution now reading as follows:

**Resolution 2003-D**

Inasmuch as Faculties traditionally have the prime responsibility for academic programs, the Faculty of Christopher Newport University requests that

1. The CNU Administration and Board of Visitors reconsider their decision to close academic programs, and
2. The CNU Board of Visitors and Administration solicit broad input from elected Faculty and Student bodies, and
3. A new analysis of budgetary numbers be done taking into account the effects of tuition increases, redirection of Student fees and other revenue enhancements on the maintenance of Academic programs.

The question was called and seconded. There was a quorum call and the Secretary indicated that there was still a quorum. The resolution in its entirety passed with 89 yeas, 16 nays and 4 abstentions.

**V. Motion to Consider a New Resolution on CNU's Part Time Student Policy**

**A. Point of Order**

1. A resolution not on the agenda can only be considered by a unanimous vote of the body. A vote was called and the motion to consider the resolution failed.
2. The resolution will be placed on the December 6<sup>th</sup> agenda for the Faculty Senate.

**B. A Request was Made for a Review of the Ballots**

**VI. Adjournment**

There was a motion to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.