The 769th meeting of the Faculty Senate will begin with presentations on the draft cybersecurity policy and this year’s work of the Campus Planning and Resource Committee (CPARC). The Faculty Senate will then take up the General Education Council’s proposed revisions to the General Education Diversity Requirement. After the customary intervals for Announcements and Questions, the meeting will proceed to election of a Presiding Officer, a consent agenda covering new courses, and a consent agenda covering program proposals. There have been requests to separate one item, the proposed revision of the Honors Program Requirements, from that agenda, and the Senate will proceed accordingly.

**Presentation on the new Campus Cybersecurity Policy by Vice Chancellor Julie Buehler and Chief Information Security Officer Matthew Dalton**

One side effect of becoming a more prominent university is increased attention from computer hackers of various types, ranging from the mischievous to the criminal, seeking information or personal data. Research campuses are also more likely than others to experience proliferation in number and types of “devices” that students, staff, faculty, and administrators seek to connect to the campus wired and wireless networks. Both the devices and the users vary in their level of sophistication regarding cybersecurity, and the campus needs a set of clear guidelines for all regarding what devices can be connected where and how, and good practices users should follow to reduce security problems. A new campus policy has been under discussion most of this year, and this presentation will bring the Faculty Senate up to date on the policy development effort.

**Presentation on CPARC activity in 2016-17 by CPARC Chair Professor Jennifer Normanly**

The charge to CPARC specifies that it will report on its activities at the end of each academic year to both the Chancellor and the Faculty Senate. This year has been a “building” year for CPARC, which began its work late last summer. It has devoted the year to observing the roll-out of the new resource allocation process and recommending changes that will make it more effective in the future. It is also overseeing the continuing process of developing stronger planning and resource allocation systems in the Administrative and Support Units, many of which are being asked to do strategic plans and lay out how their activities align with and aid in attainment of campus goals for the first time.

**Revision of the General Education Diversity Requirement**

The General Education Council approved a complete revision proposal at its meeting on March 31st, and issued a version with a less confusing chart indicating how the Social World
part of the General Education Curriculum will be affected in mid-April. In light of comments received from Faculty Senate Councils and faculty members not serving on Councils, the General Education Council adopted four changes to the statement of learning objectives last Friday. A new document incorporating those changes was distributed to Senators and departments, and is also posted on the Faculty Senate homepage. It is also attached here for your convenience.

Announcements and Question Period

We will see who has announcements and questions.

Election of a Presiding Officer (one year term)

This item was deferred from the previous meeting too late to be included on the formal agenda distributed last week. The Faculty Senate Office is not aware of any nominees as of this afternoon. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

New Courses: Consent Agenda

As always, any Senator may request that an item on a consent agenda be taken out for separate discussion and consideration. It would be helpful if anyone desiring a separate discussion of any course notifies the Senate Office before the meeting, but this is not required.

This consent agenda includes 15 course recommended by the Academic Matters Council, 2 jointly by the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils, and 1 by the Graduate Council.

New Business: Consent Agenda

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With 1 item already removed for separate discussion, this consent agenda covers 8 proposals: 1 to rename an Undergraduate Certificate, 1 to approve a new Undergraduate Certificate, 3 to revise existing undergraduate majors, 1 to establish a continuation requirement in an undergraduate major, 1 to create a Graduate Certificate, and 1 to rename a Master’s Degree Program.

New Business: Revision of the Commonwealth Honors College Requirements

This proposal is inspired by the fact that, under current rules, students can complete the honors program without undertaking a senior thesis. Adopting this, this proposal would change that situation by including in the CHC requirements a requirement that each honors
student complete a senior thesis. Requiring students to complete a senior thesis to graduate with honors is common practice in the honors colleges or programs at peer and aspirational peer campuses, and is one of distinct features of an honors degree. The proposed change has been discussed at length in three Faculty Senate Councils, which examined both the basic idea and its operational implications before recommending approval. However, some concerns continue to be expressed, and senior faculty from Commonwealth Honors College will be present at the meeting to address these concerns.

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Secretary