Dean Richard McCarty called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 70 faculty members were in attendance.

1. *Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of April 17, 2007.*

There were no comments or questions, and the Minutes were approved.

2. *Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of May 1, 2007.*

There were no comments or questions.

3. *Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the spring semester, May 3, 2007.*

Associate Dean Fräncille Bergquist presented corrections to the list of degree candidates that had been posted with the agenda material for this meeting. She then moved (1) that the faculty of the College of Arts and Science recommend to the Board of Trust that this list of candidates, as amended, be awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees and Bachelor of Science degrees, as appropriate, on Friday, May 11, 2007; and (2) that a copy of the final official Commencement Program, as approved by the Director of Student Records and the Dean of the College of Arts and Science, be appended to these minutes as a record of the actions of this faculty in recommending candidates for degrees and in awarding honors, prizes, and medals. These motions were approved.

4. *Executive Motion Calendar:*

From the Committee on Educational Programs (CEP):

(A) *Proposed revisions to the American Studies major and minor.* There were no comments or questions, and the Faculty approved the revisions to the American Studies major and minor.

(B) *Proposed policy regarding minors outside of A&S.* There were no comments or questions, and the Faculty approved the proposed policy allowing A&S students to pursue a minor in any approved program of the other Vanderbilt undergraduate colleges.

From the Committee on Graduate Education (CGE):

(A) *Proposed Inter-American Literature Ph.D. track in Spanish and Portuguese.* There were no comments or questions, and the Faculty approved the Inter-American Literature Ph.D. track.

(B) *Proposed American Studies graduate certificate.* There were no comments or questions, and the Faculty approved the American Studies graduate certificate program.
5. Announcements and Presentations.

Dean McCarty congratulated the seven faculty members who have been appointed Professors Emeriti and thanked them for their dedicated service to Vanderbilt. They have a combined 229 years of service at Vanderbilt. The Professors Emeriti are: Royal Albridge, Professor Emeritus of Physics; Jeffery Franks, Professor Emeritus of Psychology; John Halperin, Centennial Professor Emeritus of English; David Hercules, Centennial Professor Emeritus of Chemistry; F. Carter Philips, Professor Emeritus of Classics; Henry Teloh, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy; and Susan Wiltshire, Professor Emerita of Classics. Faculty members applauded the Professors Emeriti.

Dean McCarty then announced that the A&S Faculty Council elected new officers for the 2007-2008 academic year at its meeting of May 7, 2007. Professor Michael Bess, of the Department of History, was elected Chair, and Professor Senta Victoria Greene, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, was elected Secretary. Dean McCarty was grateful that Professors Bess and Greene were willing to serve as officers of the Council. He also reported that Professors Lindquist, Oliver, Rousseau, and Stone were elected to the Faculty Senate and that Professors Rizzo and Tsinakis were elected to the Graduate Faculty Council.

Dean McCarty thanked Professor Ed Saff for his service as Executive Dean of the College of Arts and Science. He stated that Professor Saff has worked tirelessly and effectively for the past three years on tenure and promotion cases. Dean McCarty announced that Professor Carolyn Dever will replace Professor Saff as Executive Dean this summer.

Dean McCarty expressed gratitude to Professor Kate Daniels for her three-year service as Associate Dean. She was instrumental in the implementation of the new AXLE curriculum and the creation of the Writing Studio. Professor John Sloop will replace her as the Associate Dean responsible for undergraduate education in the College of Arts and Science.

Dean McCarty heartily congratulated William Longwell for his service on his retirement as Director of the A&S Microcomputer Labs. Mr. Longwell, during his twenty-three-year tenure as Director, brought the College of Arts and Science into the computer age by outfitting, maintaining, and updating faculty members’ offices with computers and by installing computer equipment in many classrooms. His work thus impacted nearly everyone in A&S. Dean McCarty announced that Theodore Payne, with whom many faculty members are familiar as a Computer Systems Administrator, has been appointed as the new Director of the Microcomputer Labs.

6. Original Motion Calendar.

No issues were raised.

7. Good of the College.

No issues were raised.
8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. to a spectacular Italian-themed reception honoring the Professors Emeriti.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Tellinghuisen, Secretary of the Faculty