Minutes of the Faculty  
College of Arts and Science  

September 17, 2013

Dean Carolyn Dever called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 200 faculty members were in attendance.

Dean Dever welcomed everyone to the first Faculty Meeting of the academic year and encouraged all faculty members to participate in faculty governance.

1. **Appointment of the Arts and Science Parliamentarian.**

Dean Dever appointed Professor Malcolm Getz as Parliamentarian of the Faculty for 2013-2014. His appointment was approved by acclamation and applause.

Dean Dever thanked Professor Roy Gottfried, *in absentia*, for serving as Parliamentarian from fall 2008 to spring 2013.

2. **Update from News and Communications.**

Melanie Moran, associate director of Vanderbilt News and Communications, explained that News and Communications is part of the Division of Public Affairs, which is the primary external relations office for Vanderbilt. As part of its function, News and Communications works with faculty members to produce breaking news stories, videos, social media messages, and website updates. She encouraged faculty members to share news about their research and accomplishments with Public Affairs; one easy way to do this is by clicking on the link at the bottom of the Arts and Science homepage. News and Communications helps faculty members distribute information to the broader community in several ways: 1) by distributing research news about discoveries, grants, awards, and new publications; 2) by matching the expertise of faculty members to incoming media calls and requests; 3) by distributing opinion pieces and editorials to local media outlets; and 4) by training faculty members for media interviews and presentations. Ms. Moran also explained that News and Communications produces MyVU twice a week and supports web communications for Vanderbilt. She said that News and Communications would be happy to assist faculty members in any of these respects, please call with news and research developments (322-2706). Dean Dever stated that News and Communications is eager to help increase the flow of communication between faculty members and the community, and she urged faculty members to read MyVU, which is the publication of record for Human Resources.
3. **Election of the Secretary of the Faculty.**

Dean Dever nominated Professor Lesley Gill, of the Anthropology department, as Secretary of the Faculty for the next two years. There were no other nominations, and Professor Gill was acclaimed, with applause.

Dean Dever thanked Professor Julian Wuerth, *in absentia*, for serving as Secretary of the Faculty for 2011-2013.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of May 7, 2013.**

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

5. **Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of September 3, 2013.**

There were no comments or questions.

6. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the Summer Semester, August 9, 2013.**

Associate Dean Roger Moore moved that the Faculty of the College of Arts and Science recommend to the Board of Trust that it confer upon these candidates their degrees (a list of degree candidates is attached to these Minutes). His motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. **Introduction of new Arts and Science Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty Members.**

Each newly-appointed Arts and Science tenured or tenure-track faculty member was introduced to the faculty by his or her Department Chair, Program Director, or representative. A list of the new tenured and tenure-track faculty members is attached to these Minutes.

8. **Presentation of the Jeffrey Nordhaus Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the College of Arts and Science.**

Senior Associate Dean Karen Campbell presented Professor Paul Stob, of the Department of Communication Studies, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities; Professor D. Patrick Abbot, of the Department of Biological Sciences, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Natural Sciences; and James G. Stahlman Professor of American History Gary Gerstle, of the Department of History, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Social Sciences.
9. Presentation of the Harriet S. Gilliam Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in the College of Arts and Science.

Dean Moore presented the Harriet S. Gilliam Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Senior Lecturer or Lecturer to Christina Rennhoff, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics.

10. Presentation of the Ernest A. Jones Faculty Adviser Award in the College of Arts and Science.

Dean Moore presented the Ernest A. Jones Faculty Adviser Award to Professor Peter Rousseau of the Department of Economics.

11. Presentation of the Alumni Outstanding Pre-Major Adviser Award in the College of Arts and Science.

Dean Moore presented the Alumni Outstanding Pre-Major Adviser Award to Beau Baca, who is a Pre-Major Adviser at CASPAR (College of Arts and Science Pre-major Academic Advising Resources) and a Lecturer in the Department of English.

12. Recognition of Significant Faculty Service Anniversaries.

Dean Dever recognized faculty members for their significant faculty service anniversaries: Having served 20 years at Vanderbilt are Professors Yoshikuni Igarashi, Piotr Kaszynski, Bruce Oppenheimer, James Patton, and Senior Lecturer Cynthia Wasick; having served 25 years are Centennial Professor Randolph Blake, William R Kenan, Jr. Professor Jay Clayton, Stevenson Professor Larry Schumaker, Professors Denise Davis and Virginia Scott, Research Associate Professor Anthony Hmelo, and Senior Lecturer John English; having served 30 years are Centennial Professor Mark Jarman, Professors David Carlton and Marshall Eakin; having served 40 years are Distinguished Professor Jon Kaas, Professors Malcolm Getz, Charles Lukehart, and Jeffrey Tlumak; having served 45 years are Professors Andy Hess and Glenn Webb; and having served 55 years is Distinguished Professor Joseph Hamilton. The faculty applauded all of these individuals for their dedicated service to Vanderbilt.

13. Announcements and updates from Senior Associate Dean Karen Campbell.

Dean Campbell announced the first cohort of Littlejohn Faculty Fellows: Professor Edward Fischer, who will be working with Rachael Grenfell-Dexter and Eunice Jun; Professor Sam Girgus, who will be working with Stephanie Hoskins; Professor Jens Meiler, who will be working with Steven McIntyre; Professor Sohee Park, who will be working with Ashley Vega; and Professor Mark Schoenfield, who will be working with Alec Jordan. Dean Campbell explained that the Littlejohn family has generously supported the Vanderbilt undergraduate summer research program (VUSRP) and has extended their generosity by funding Arts and Science faculty members who involve undergraduate students, from any of the four Vanderbilt undergraduate schools, in their
research. Each faculty member awarded will receive $1500 in research funds per semester and will be in control of $1000 per student for research-related expenses. The funds, however, cannot be used for student wages or faculty stipends. Dean Campbell stated that applications will be available next spring for the 2014-2015 Littlejohn Faculty Fellowships.

A task force, co-chaired by Associate Provost Cynthia Cyrus, has been charged with renumbering courses to four-digits (and perhaps an additional letter). The revised course numbering system is planned to take effect in spring 2015 for fall 2015 registration.

Dean Campbell reminded faculty members of the new Teaching Writing Learning series, sponsored by the Center for Teaching, the Writing Studio, and the Heard Library. Information about the monthly conversations is available on the CFT website.

Vanderbilt has a new bluebook policy, based on a recommendation from the Vanderbilt Student Government (VSG). The VSG was concerned that students were cheating on exams by prewriting information and essays in bluebooks. Henceforth, students are not permitted to purchase bluebooks; departments will purchase them and distribute them to faculty members.

Dean Campbell further explained that the Committee on Educational Programs (CEP) has established a new procedure for reviewing proposed revisions of academic programs in order to even out the workflow over the academic year. The CEP has set a regular schedule of meetings and encourages departments and programs to submit proposed revisions early.

14. Original Motion Calendar.

No issues were raised.

15. Good of the College.

Dean Dever explained that there were many infrastructural changes this summer, some of which directly affect faculty members, such as the new travel system, but most of these changes affect staff members, including the new travel system, the new procurement policy, and the new paid time off policy. Moreover, employee layoffs were announced today by the Medical Center, and an explanation for these layoffs has been posted on the VUMC website. Staff layoffs have not been announced in University Central, yet the layoffs in the Medical Center are affecting morale in University Central. Dean Dever thus encouraged faculty members to be sensitive to staff members and to extend a hand to them.

Dean Dever also explained that resources are available to faculty members if the alleged sexual assault incident in June arises in class. There is a new director of the Women’s Center and a new director of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
and Intersex Life (LGBTQI). Staff members in the Dean’s Office can direct faculty members to other resources as well.

Dean Dever announced that the State of the College Address will be presented at an upcoming Faculty Meeting, as will information about budgetary matters. She explained that the finances of Arts and Science are doing well, as far as Arts and Science can control them. Dean Dever thanked department chairs for their outstanding leadership in this respect.

16. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Gill,
Secretary of the Faculty
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September 11, 2013

Dean Carolyn Dever  
College of Arts and Science  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, TN 37240

Dear Dean Dever:

The attached list contains the names of candidates who completed all requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree at the end of the summer term, August 9, 2013.

Sincerely,

Molly Thompson  
Registrar  
College of Arts and Science

Enclosures
2013-2014 New Faculty, College of Arts and Science
September Faculty Meeting

Department of Anthropology,
Carwil Robert Bjork-James, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Department of Biological Sciences
Lauren Parker Jackson, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, effective Spring Semester 2014

Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Ralf Bennartz, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences

Department of Economics
Christopher Carpenter, Professor of Economics; Professor of Medicine, Health and Society
Eun Jeong Heo, Assistant Professor of Economics
Alejandro Molnar, Assistant Professor of Economics

Department of English
Marzia Milazzo, Assistant Professor of English
Lorrie Moore, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Chair in English
Haerin Shin, Assistant Professor of English

Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages
Lutz Koepnick, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Chair in German; Professor of Film Studies

Department of History of Art
Kevin D. Murphy, Andrew W. Mellon Chair in the Humanities, Chair of the Department of History of Art

Center for Medicine, Health and Society
Aimi Hamraie, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Health and Society
Hector F. Myers, Professor of Medicine, Health and Society; Professor of Psychology

Department of Philosophy
Scott F. Aikin, Assistant Professor of Philosophy; Assistant Professor of Classics

Department of Political Science
Kristin Michelitch, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Department of Religious Studies
Bryan D. Lowe, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
Laurel C. Schneider, Professor of Religious Studies
Anand Vivek Taneja, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Department of Sociology
Joshua Murray, Assistant Professor of Sociology
LaTonya J. Trotter, Assistant Professor of Sociology