Minutes of the Faculty
College of Arts & Science

April 21, 2009

Dean Carolyn Dever called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of March 24, 2009.

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

2. Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of April 7, 2009.

There were no comments or questions.

3. Executive Motion Calendar.

A. From the Committee on Academic Standards and Procedures (CASP): Delaying implementation of AXLE’s two-credit Vanderbilt Visions course. There were no comments or questions, and the faculty approved the motion to delay implementation of the AXLE version of Vanderbilt Visions for two more years.

B. From the Committee on Educational Programs (CEP): Proposed revision of the Communication of Science and Technology (CSET) major and proposed creation of a CSET honors program. There were no comments or questions, and the faculty approved the revision of the CSET major and the creation of a CSET honors program.

4. Memorial Resolution for Frederick D. Schneider, Professor of History, Emeritus.

Marshall Eakin, Professor of History, presented a Memorial Resolution, written by J. León Helguera, Professor of History, Emeritus, in honor of Frederick D. Schneider, Professor of History, Emeritus. The faculty paid their respects and signified their assent to the resolution by standing for a moment of silence. The Memorial Resolution is appended to these minutes.

5. Original Motion Calendar.

No issues were raised.

6. Good of the College.

No issues were raised.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marshall C. Eakin,
Secretary of the Faculty
IN MEMORIAM: FREDERICK DOLPH SCHNEIDER,
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY EMERITUS, 1921-2008

Dr. Frederick D. Schneider a native Californian, died on 24 December 2008, at Springhill, TN. In 1942, he received a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, with a firm grounding in English literature. He spent the next 3 years in the U.S. Army, acquiring a solid grasp of Italian and Master Sergeant’s rank.


Appointed a Lecturer (1948) and then promoted to Assistant Professor (1950) at Stanford, our colleague was brought to Vanderbilt’s History Department in 1956. As he had at Stanford, he spent several years in History’s “bread and butter” course, Western Civilization.

He also developed his own courses in British modern and British imperial history, mentoring some eight graduate students to their Ph.D.

Professor Schneider was a driving force behind the Southern Conference on British History, a group associated with the Southern Historical Association.

His published work includes articles on the great Oxford Don, R. G. Collingwood (1889-1942) and on the Anglican Church in Kenya.

He retired as Emeritus Professor of History in 1986.

A man deeply conversant with religious literature, in 1971 Professor Schneider added Reverend to his name, becoming an Episcopal priest. He would serve in that capacity in various churches of Middle Tennessee in the years up to his death.

With his clipped accent and somewhat withdrawn “English Don” style, Dr. Schneider was known affectionately as “the Duke” by generations of Vanderbilt undergraduates, who, together with his colleagues and former Vanderbilt students, remember him fondly.

J. León Helguera,
Emeritus Professor, History, Vanderbilt University