Dean Richard McCarty called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 100 faculty members were in attendance.

1. **Appointment of A&S Parliamentarian.**

Dean McCarty nominated Professor Kassian Kovalcheck as the Parliamentarian of the Faculty for 2006-2007. There were no other nominations, and Professor Kovalcheck was enthusiastically acclaimed by the faculty.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of May 9, 2006.**

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

3. **Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of May 2, 2006 and September 5, 2006.**

There were no comments or questions.

4. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the summer semester, August 11, 2006.**

Associate Dean Frâncille Bergquist 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). Her motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. **Executive Motion Calendar: The Faculty Council recommends approval of the proposed Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Parental Leave Policy.**

Professor John Sloop, Chair of the A&S Faculty Council, explained that Dean McCarty currently has the prerogative under the *Faculty Manual* to grant parental leaves to non-tenure-track faculty members. Instead of the Dean granting parental leaves to non-tenure-track faculty members on an ad hoc basis, Council members agreed with Dean McCarty that an A&S faculty-approved policy would be better. Professor Scott, who was Chair of the Ad Hoc Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Parental Leave Policy Committee, stated that the Committee used the existing Parental Leave Policy for full-time faculty in the *Faculty Manual* as a model for formulating the new proposal. A&S would be on the cutting edge, she said, if it were to grant parental leaves to non-tenure-track faculty members. Establishing a policy, Dean McCarty added, would also be fairer and more
equitable, for everyone knows about the policy and the procedure by which leaves will be granted. **There were no questions or discussion, and the motion to approve the Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Parental Leave Policy passed.**

6. **Introduction of new Arts & Science faculty members.**

Each A&S Department Chair, Program Director, or representative introduced his or her new faculty members. In addition, Dean McCarty introduced Professor Dana Nelson, who is the first director of the A&S Program in Career Development (PCD), which is a faculty peer mentoring program, and Dr. Robert Baum, who is the new Director of the Health Professions Advisory Office. A list of new tenured and tenure-track A&S faculty members is attached to these Minutes.

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

Dean McCarty presented Professor Edward Friedman, of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities; Professor Tiffiny Tung, of the Department of Anthropology, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Social Sciences; and Professor Katherine Friedman, of the Department of Biological Sciences, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Natural Sciences.

8. **Presentation of the Harriet S. Gilliam Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in the College of Arts & Science.**

The Harriet S. Gilliam Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Lecturer or Senior Lecturer was awarded to John English, who is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Communication Studies.

9. **Presentation of the Ernest A. Jones Faculty Adviser Award in the College of Arts & Science.**

The Ernest A. Jones Faculty Adviser Award was presented to Professor James Ray of the Department of Political Science.

10. **Presentation of the Alumni Outstanding Freshman Adviser Award in the College of Arts & Science.**

Dean McCarty presented Professor Francis Wcislo, of the Department of History, with the Alumni Outstanding Freshman Adviser Award.
11. **Recognition of significant Faculty Service Anniversaries.**

Dean McCarty recognized several faculty members for their significant faculty service anniversaries: Professor Leonard Folgarait has served 25 years; Professors William Damon and George Sweeney have served 30 years; Professors Daniel Patte, John Plummer, and Susan Wiltshire have served 35 years; Professor Matthew Gould has served 40 years; and Professors Royal Albridge and Vereen Bell have served 45 years.

12. **Announcements.**

Dean McCarty congratulated Professor Kenneth Catania, of the Department of Biological Sciences, for being chosen as a MacArthur Foundation Fellow, which is commonly referred to as the “Genius Award.” This is the first time that an A&S faculty member has received this honor.

13. **Good of the College.**

No issues were raised.

14. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. to a reception welcoming new faculty members and honoring award recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Tellinghuisen, Secretary of the Faculty