Minutes of the Faculty  
College of Arts and Science  
May 7, 2013

Dean Carolyn Dever called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 70 faculty members were in attendance.

1. Memorial Resolution for Dieter H. O. Sevin, Professor of German.

Meike G. J. Werner, Associate Professor of German and Chair of the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages, presented a Memorial Resolution in honor of Dieter H. O. Sevin, Professor of German. Faculty members paid their respects and signified their assent to the resolution by a moment of silence. The Memorial Resolution is appended to these Minutes.

2. Memorial Resolution for John H. Venable, Professor of Biological Sciences, Emeritus, and Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Emeritus.

Wallace M. LeStourgeon, Professor of Biological Sciences, Emeritus, presented a Memorial Resolution in honor of John (Jack) H. Venable, Professor of Biological Sciences, Emeritus, and Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Emeritus. Faculty members paid their respects and signified their assent to the resolution by a moment of silence. The Memorial Resolution is appended to these Minutes.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of April 16, 2013.

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


Associate Dean Fräncille Bergquist presented corrections to the preliminary list of degree candidates that was distributed 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 on Friday, May 10, 2013; and (2) that a copy of the final official Commencement Program, as approved by the Registrar 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. Her motions were seconded, and the faculty approved them by acclamation. Faculty members applauded the graduates for their accomplishments.
5. Announcement from Senior Associate Dean Karen Campbell.

Dean Campbell announced that the Littlejohn family has generously supported an exciting new opportunity for faculty and students in the College of Arts and Science. She said that the family has strong ties to Vanderbilt and already supports the Vanderbilt undergraduate summer research program (VUSRIP). This year the family has established a fund to help support Arts and Science faculty members who involve undergraduate students in their research during the academic year. These funds would be used to support up to five undergraduate student fellowships per academic year, at $3-4,000 apiece, including some funds for software, supplies, equipment, and travel to conferences that would support the student in his or her involvement in faculty research. Dean Campbell stated that a call for these fellowships will be distributed next week to department chairs and program directors, and she encouraged faculty members to apply for the funds.

6. Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of April 30, 2013.

There were no comments or questions.

7. Executive Motion Calendar.

From the Committee on Educational Programs (CEP):

   A. **Proposed creation of an Art Honors program.** There were no comments or questions, and **the faculty approved the Art Honors program.**

   B. **Proposed revision of the Art minor.** Professor Getz, Chair of Faculty Council, explained that the proposal would change the course requirements for the minor. There were no other comments or questions, and **the faculty approved the revision of the Art minor.**

   C. **Proposed creation of a Brazilian Studies minor in the Latin American Studies program.** There were no comments or questions, and **the faculty approved the Brazilian Studies minor.**

8. Announcements and Presentations.

Dean Dever thanked Professor Malcolm Getz for serving as Chair of Faculty Council this year, Professor Holly McCammon for serving as Council Secretary, and all the faculty members who served on Faculty Council and other Arts and Science committees this year. Faculty members applauded these individuals for their work.

Dean Dever announced that fourteen Arts and Science faculty emeriti have been appointed: Jeremy Atack has been appointed Professor of Economics, Emeritus; Vereen M. Bell, Professor of English, Emeritus; M. Fränicle Bergquist, Professor of Spanish, Emerita; Charles A. Brau, Professor of Physics, Emeritus; Clint E. Carter, Professor of Biological Sciences, Emeritus; Kassian A. Kovalcheck, Jr., Professor of Communication
Studies, Emeritus; Konstantin V. Kustanovich, Professor of Russian, Emeritus; Andrea E. Maneschi, Professor of Economics, Emeritus; John A. McCarthy, Professor of German and Comparative Literature, Emeritus; Robert L. Mode, Professor of History of Art, Emeritus; Daniel M. Patte, Professor of Religious Studies, Emeritus; James L. Ray, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus; Eric Schechter, Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus; and Ronnie J. Steinberg, Professor of Sociology, Emerita. She congratulated the faculty emeriti and thanked them for their 475 years of combined service to Vanderbilt. Faculty members applauded the faculty emeriti individually and as a group.

Dean Dever then reported that, at a special meeting of the Faculty Council on April 24, Professor Lucius Outlaw was elected Chair of Faculty Council and Professor Jennifer Fay was elected Secretary of Faculty Council for 2013-14. Dean Dever thanked the two of them in advance for serving as officers, and faculty members congratulated them.

Dean Dever also recognized Mr. Jonathan Bremer for his work as Executive Secretary of the Faculty and as Program Coordinator in the College of Arts and Science. Faculty members applauded Mr. Bremer.

9. Original Motion Calendar.

No issues were raised.

10. Good of the College.

Dean Dever wished everyone a healthy and happy summer.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

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