Minutes of the Faculty  
College of Arts & Science  
December 5, 2006

Dean Richard McCarty called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 125 faculty members were in attendance.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of November 14, 2006.

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

2. Demonstration of new Online Grade Submission Program.

University Registrar Gary Gibson and MIS (Management Information Systems) representative Greg Kyle demonstrated the new Vanderbilt Online Grade Submission program. They explained that faculty members, starting this semester, must use this new program to submit their course grades. A memo outlining the grade submission procedure will be distributed to all course instructors later this week. Instructions for and access to the program are available at: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/cas/axle/onlinegrading Several faculty members expressed optimistic approval of a system that finally avoids the "coloring" of bubbles on OpScan sheets twice a year.


There were no comments or questions.

4. Presentation of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards in the College of Arts and Science.

Associate Dean for Graduate Education Holly McCammon presented Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards to Jennifer Clement, of the Department of English, and Scott Crombie, of the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences.

5. Presentation of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award in the College of Arts and Science.

Dean McCammon presented the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award to Professor Calvin Miller, of the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences.

6. Presentation of the Outstanding Graduate Mentoring Award in the College of Arts and Science.

Dean McCammon presented the Outstanding Graduate Mentoring Award to Centennial Professor Randolph Blake, of the Department of Psychology.

7. Executive Motion Calendar.

(A) Revision of the MLAS program. Professor Gregg Horowitz, acting for the Chair of the
A & S Faculty Council, explained that the proposed revision would increase the requirements for the MLAS degree from 27 to 30 graduate credit hours, which would make it comparable to other MLAS-type programs at peer institutions. There were no comments or questions, and the Faculty approved the revisions to the MLAS program.

(B) Proposed Ph.D. program in Law and Economics. Professor Horowitz stated that the proposal for the new Ph.D. program in Law and Economics has been posted online. The program would be offered by the Law School, and courses in the program would be taught by faculty members from the Law School and from A&S. In response to a question from Professor Hodges, Professor Horowitz explained that the Graduate School would be administering admissions to the program and would be granting the degree, but the Law School would be establishing the degree requirements and the curricula. There were no other questions or discussion, and the Faculty approved the Ph.D. program in Law and Economics.

8. Original Motion Calendar.

No issues were raised.

9. Good of the College.

No issues were raised.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. for the annual College of Arts and Science Holiday Party for faculty and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Tellinghuisen, Secretary of the Faculty