Dean Carolyn Dever called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 50 faculty members were in attendance.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of April 17, 2012.**

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

2. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the spring semester, May 11, 2012.**

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 11, 2012; 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. There was no discussion, and these motions were unanimously approved by the faculty. The faculty applauded the graduates for their accomplishments.

3. **Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of May 1, 2012.**

There were no comments or questions. Professor Hanusa, Chair of Council, thanked Associate Dean Yollette Jones and A&S Registrar’s Office staff person Michael Muise for their work revising dozens of course descriptions in advance of the enforcement of course prerequisites.

4. **Executive Motion Calendar.**

A. From the Committee on Educational Programs (CEP):

   i. **Proposed revisions of the Classics major and minor and the Classical Civilization major and minor.** Professor Hanusa explained that the proposed revisions ensure that students take more core courses from the Classical Studies department and enable students to count both Latin and Greek language courses toward the Classics major. There were no comments or questions, and the faculty approved the revisions.

   ii. **Proposed revision of the Communication of Science and Technology (CSET) major, minor, and honors program.** Professor Hanusa explained that the proposed revision of the CSET interdisciplinary program is a significant update of the
major. The update eliminates courses that are being phased out and substitutes more relevant ones. It also reorganizes the requirements for the major, minor, and honors program. There were no comments or questions, and the faculty approved the revision.

B. From the Committee on Graduate Education (CGE): Proposed revision of the French Ph.D. program. Professor Hanusa explained that the revision reorganizes the French graduate courses into eras or “foundations” and topics rather than by century. The course reorganization allows greater interdisciplinary study, quicker completion of course requirements, and more flexible staffing assignment. There were no comments or questions, and the faculty approved the revision of the French Ph.D. program.

5. Announcements and Presentations.

Dean Dever thanked Professor Timothy Hanusa for serving as Chair of Faculty Council this year, Professor Dana Nelson for serving as Council Secretary, and Mr. Bremer for his work as Executive Secretary. She also thanked all of those faculty members who have served on A&S committees this year. The faculty applauded these individuals for their work.

Dean Dever announced that seven A&S faculty emeriti have been appointed: Tracy Barrett has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Italian, Emerita; Ford Ebner, Professor of Psychology, Emeritus; Leonard Feldman, Stevenson Professor of Physics, Emeritus; Robert Fox, Professor of Psychology, Emeritus; Thomas Gregor, Professor of Anthropology, Emeritus; Gary Jensen, Professor of Sociology, Emeritus; and Wallace LeStourgeon, Professor of Biological Sciences, Emeritus. She thanked all of them for their long and dedicated service to Vanderbilt. The faculty 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 Malcolm Getz was elected Chair of Faculty Council and Professor Holly McCammon was elected Secretary of Faculty Council for 2012-13. Dean Dever thanked these two individuals in advance for serving, and the faculty congratulated them.

Dean Dever started a new tradition by honoring faculty members who are stepping down as department chairs and program directors. She recognized Professor Tracy Sharpley-Whiting for her long service as director of the African American and Diaspora Studies program; Professor Lesley Gill for chairing the anthropology department; Professor Lynn Ramey for chairing the French and Italian department; Professor Barbara Hahn for chairing the Germanic and Slavic languages department; Professor Vivien Fryd for chairing the history of art department; Professor Leah Marcus for directing the Jewish Studies program; Professor Terryl Hallquist for serving as acting chair of the theatre department; and Professor Tony Brown for serving as acting chair of the sociology department. The faculty applauded all of these individuals for their contributions.

Dean Dever also recognized Professor Vanessa Beasley for her leadership of the Program for Career Development (PCD). She praised Professor Beasley for her outstanding work
as PCD director and announced that Professor Laura Carpenter has been appointed the new director of PCD. The faculty applauded Professors Beasley and Carpenter.

6. Textbook ordering for fall courses.

Senior Associate Dean Karen Campbell urged faculty members to submit their textbook orders for fall courses as soon as possible; the deadline was April 15th. Even if a course is not using a textbook, she said that the Vanderbilt Barnes and Noble bookstore would like to know this information.

7. Original Motion Calendar.

No issues were raised.

8. Good of the College.

Dean Dever reminded faculty members to pick up their regalia at the Vanderbilt Barnes and Noble bookstore, not, as in the past, at Kirkland Hall.


The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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