Minutes of the Faculty
College of Arts & Science
September 15, 2009

Dean Carolyn Dever called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 160 faculty members were in attendance.

1. **Appointment of A&S Parliamentarian and Election of A&S Secretary of the Faculty.**

Dean Dever nominated Professor Roy Gottfried as the Parliamentarian of the Faculty for 2009-2010. There were no other nominations, and Professor Gottfried was acclaimed.

Dean Dever nominated Professor Kathryn Anderson as the Secretary of the Faculty. There were no other nominations, and Professor Anderson was elected unanimously.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of May 5, 2009.**

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

3. **Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of September 3, 2009.**

There were no comments or questions.

4. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the End of the Summer Semester, August 7, 2009.**

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. **Memorial Service for Professor Neal Tate.**

Dean Dever reported that Neal Tate, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, passed away on Sunday, September 13. She stated that Professor Tate was a strong and energetic advocate for his department and had strengthened the department greatly through judicious faculty hires. His death, she continued, is a tremendous loss for the department and for her personally. He was a marvelous colleague and teacher. A Memorial Service will be held for Professor Tate on Friday, September 18, at 4:00, in Benton Chapel.
6. **Introduction of New Arts & Science Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty Members.**

Each newly hired A&S tenured or tenure-track faculty member was introduced to the faculty by his or her Department Chair, Program Director, or representative. A list of the new tenured and tenure-track A&S faculty members is attached to these Minutes.

In addition, Patricia Armstrong, Director of CASPAR (College of Arts and Science Pre-major Academic Advising Resources Center), introduced the six Pre-major Advisers: Charles Bowie, Josh Epstein, Andrea Hearn, Laura Taylor, Christine Valiquette, and Scott Zeman.

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

Dean Dever presented Professor Virginia Scott (in absentia), of the Department of French and Italian, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities; Professor Sandra Rosenthal, of the Department of Chemistry, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Natural Sciences; and Professor Adriane Seiffert, of the Department of Psychology, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Social 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 Senior Lecturer or Lecturer was awarded to Andrea Hearn (in absentia), Lecturer in the Department of English and Pre-major Adviser.

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 Bonnie Dow of the Department of Communication Studies.

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

The Alumni Outstanding Freshman Adviser Award was presented to Senior Lecturer Daniel Solomon of the Department of Classical Studies.

11. **Recognition of Significant Faculty Service Anniversaries.**

Dean Dever recognized several faculty members for their significant faculty service anniversaries at Vanderbilt: Professors Michael Bess, Joel Harrington, Gary Jensen, Jeffrey Schall, Iwona Stepniewska, and Andrew Tomarken have served 20 years;
Professors Lewis Baldwin, Xia Daoxing, Arthur Demarest, Richard Haglund, Elena Olazagasti-Segovia, Matthew Ramsey, Philip Rasico, Michael Stone, Norman Tolk, Barbara Tsakirgis, Steven Tschantz, Frank Wcislo, and Thomas Weiler have served 25 years; Professors John Ahner and Wallace LeStourgeon have served 35 years; Professor Kassian Kovalcheck has served 40 years; and Professor Akunuri Ramayya has served 45 years. The faculty applauded all of these individuals for their dedicated service to Vanderbilt.

12. Announcements.

No announcements were made.


No issues were raised.


The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn H. Anderson,
Secretary of the Faculty
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September 8, 2009

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Dear Dean Dever:

The attached list contains the names of candidates who have completed all requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree at the end of the summer term, August 7, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
New Tenured/Tenure-track Faculty Effective Fall 2009
College of Arts and Science

Program in African American and Diaspora Studies
Trica D. Keaton, Associate Professor of African American and Diaspora Studies

Department of Anthropology
Markus Eberl, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Department of Art
Vesna Pavlovic, Assistant Professor of Art
Amelia Winger-Bearskin, Assistant Professor of Art

Classical Studies
Michael Johnson, Assistant Professor of Classics

Communication Studies
Paul Henry Stob, Instructor in Communication Studies

Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Larisa Grawe DeSantis, Assistant Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences

Department of French and Italian
Jérôme Brillaud, Assistant Professor of French

Department of History
Peter J. Hudson, Assistant Professor of History
Paul A. Kramer, Associate Professor of History
Samira Sheikh, Assistant Professor of History

Department of History of Art
Robin Margaret Jensen, Luce Chancellor’s Professor of the History of Christian Worship and Art; Professor of History of Art
Elizabeth J. Moodey, Assistant Professor of History of Art

Jewish Studies
Phillip I. Ackerman-Lieberman, Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies
Alexander "Ari" Joskowicz, Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies

Department of Mathematics
Ioana Šuvaina, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Department of Philosophy

Marilyn A. Friedman, W. Alton Jones Professor of Philosophy
Larry May, W. Alton Jones Professor of Philosophy; Professor of Law
Julian Wuerth, Associate Professor of Philosophy

Department of Physics and Astronomy

Kirill I. Bolotin, Assistant Professor of Physics
Yaqiong Xu, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering; Assistant Professor of Physics

Department of Political Science

Joshua D. Clinton, Associate Professor of Political Science
Emily C. Nacol, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Edward L. Rubin, University Professor; Professor of Law; Professor of Political Science
Zeynep Somer-Topcu, Assistant Professor of Political Science; Assistant Professor of European Studies

Department of Psychology

Sean Polyn, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Department of Sociology

Terence E. McDonnell, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Mariano Sana, Associate Professor of Sociology
Lijun Song, Assistant Professor of Sociology; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Health and Society