Dean Richard McCarty called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 50 faculty members were in attendance.

1. College Halls Information Overview.

Susan Barge, Associate Provost for College Halls, presented an overview of a feasibility study to develop College Halls I & II, which would replace the Kissam residential halls. (A copy of her PowerPoint presentation is attached to these Minutes.) Kissam, she explained, is the weakest housing experience at Vanderbilt. It was built in 1950 and has low ceilings and inadequate study rooms. Kissam is composed of six residential halls which contain a total of 600 beds. The proposed College Halls 1 & 2 would integrate living and learning in the same environment, like The Commons on the east side of campus. While The Commons will be a residential college for first-year students, College Halls 1 & 2 would be a residential college for upper-class students. College Halls 1 & 2 would consist of two residential halls, with a total of 600 beds, and a central dining facility. The dining facility would include dining halls and outdoor dining courtyards. One of the residential halls would have a portico, similar to the one at Calhoun Hall but larger, under which dining events and other gatherings could be held. The residential halls, according to the preliminary plan, would have six different suite configurations, unlike other Vanderbilt dormitories, in order to attract a mixture of students. The feasibility study estimates that College Halls 1 & 2 would take two years to construct, including the demolition of the Kissam residential halls, and groundbreaking could be as early as 2010. Construction costs are projected to be $140-150 million.

Ms. Barge stated that the proposed College Halls 1 & 2 would be a great improvement over the current Kissam buildings. They would be more consistent with Vanderbilt's mission of integrating living and learning and encouraging interaction between students and faculty members. College Halls 1 & 2 would open the northeast corner of campus to the rest of Vanderbilt and would simultaneously present a better view of Vanderbilt for travelers on West End Avenue and from Interstate 40.

In response to questions from faculty members, Ms. Barge stated that each College Hall would have, in residence, one faculty director, four graduate student fellows, and one senior preceptor. Each faculty director would have his or her own urban loft and terrace. The current parking lot between Kissam and West End and 21st Avenues would be replaced by an underground parking garage. The row of Magnolia trees and the wrought-iron fence would be retained. The timeline for the completion of all seven College Halls is approximately twenty years, and, in particular, the space where the University Club is situated now would probably not be redeveloped for eight to ten years.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of March 25, 2008.

There were no comments or questions, and the Minutes were approved.
3. Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of April 1, 2008.

There were no comments or questions.

4. Memorial Resolution for Howard L. Boorman, Professor of History Emeritus.

Elizabeth Lunbeck, Nelson Tyrone, Jr. Professor and Chair of the Department of History, presented a Memorial Resolution, written by J. León Helguera, Professor of History Emeritus, honoring Howard L. Boorman, Professor of History Emeritus. The faculty paid their respects and signified their assent to the resolution by standing for a moment of silence. The Memorial Resolution is appended to these minutes.

5. Executive Motion Calendar.

A. From the Ad Hoc Committee to Create the Position of Executive Secretary:
Proposed new amendments to the A&S Constitution.

Professor Bess explained that the position of Executive Secretary would provide continuity and professionalism to faculty governance in the College of Arts and Science. Several Faculty Council members have stated that the creation of such a position is a great idea. There were no other comments or questions, and the faculty approved the proposed amendments to the A&S Constitution that would create the position of Executive Secretary and clarify that the Secretary of the Faculty is responsible for the election of A&S representatives to the Graduate Faculty Council and the Faculty Senate.

B. From the Committee on Educational Programs (CEP):
Proposed revisions to academic programs.

i. Proposed revision of the Latin American Studies major and minor.
Professor Bess explained that the proposed revision consists primarily of adding an indigenous language option to the language requirement of the LAS major and minor. There were no other comments or questions, and the revisions to the Latin American Studies major and minor were approved.

ii. Proposed revision of the Jewish Studies major and minor.
There were no comments or questions, and the revisions were approved.

iii. Proposed revision of the Neuroscience major.
There were no comments or questions, and the revision was approved.

iv. Proposed revision of the Psychology major.
Professor Bess stated that one of the proposed revisions to the major was the addition of a comprehensive exam. The proposal stipulates that students majoring in Psychology are required to take the exam, but students do not have to pass the exam. Professor Tomarken explained that the comprehensive exam is for assessment purposes. There were no comments or questions, and the revision was approved.
6. **Original Motion Calendar.**

No issues were raised.

7. **Good of the College.**

Dean McCarty made several announcements:

The Commons will host an Open House on Friday, April 18, from 3:00 – 5:00.

The May A&S Faculty Meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room of The Commons Center, and the end-of-semester reception will take place immediately after the meeting in the Dining Room of The Commons Center. The theme for this semester’s party is South America. During the reception, Susan Barge, the Associate Provost for College Halls, will lead tours of the Hank Ingram House, which has just been completed. The Hank Ingram House is one of the residential halls of The Commons.

8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty