Interim Dean Carolyn Dever called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 140 faculty members were in attendance.

1. **Appointment of A&S Parliamentarian.**

   Interim Dean Dever nominated Professor Roy Gottfried as the Parliamentarian of the Faculty for 2008-2009. There were no other nominations, and Professor Gottfried was acclaimed.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of May 6, 2008.**

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

3. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the End of the Summer Semester, August 8, 2008.**

   Associate Dean Fräncille 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.

4. **Moment of Silence for Professor Pierre Colas.**

   Interim Dean Dever reported that Professor Pierre Colas, of the Department of Anthropology, was slain in his home on August 26. At her request, the faculty paused for a moment of silence in his honor. Interim Dean Dever stated that a formal Memorial Resolution will be presented to the faculty at a later meeting.

5. **Update on the Search for the New Dean.**

   Interim Dean Dever stated that Provost Richard McCarty has formed a Search Committee for a Dean of the College of Arts and Science, which is chaired by Professor Ned Porter, of the Department of Chemistry. As she explained, Vanderbilt will conduct a national search for this crucial appointment, and more information about the search is presented in Professor Porter’s e-mail message to the faculty, dated September 15, which is attached to these Minutes. Interim Dean Dever urged faculty members to participate in the search process.
6. **Introduction of New Arts & Science Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty Members.**

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

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

Interim Dean Dever presented Professor Nathalie Debrauwere-Miller, of the Department of French and Italian, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities; Professor Terry Page, of the Department of Biological Sciences, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Natural Sciences; and Professor Katie Crawford, of the Department of History, 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 Lecturer or Senior Lecturer was awarded to Senior Lecturer Michelle Sulikowski of the Department of Chemistry.

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 Senior Lecturer Roger Moore of the Department of English.

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 Julia Fesmire of the Women’s and Gender Studies program.

11. **Presentation of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards in the College of Arts & Science.**

Associate Dean Marc Hetherington presented Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards to Danielle Kurin, of the Department of Anthropology, and to Matt Whitt, of the Department of Philosophy.
12. **Recognition of Significant Faculty Service Anniversaries.**

Interim Dean Dever recognized several faculty members for their significant faculty service anniversaries at Vanderbilt: Professors David Carlton, Marshall Eakin, Mark Jarman, and Gerald Stubbs have served 25 years; Professors Clint Carter, Malcolm Getz, and Jeffrey Tlumak have served 35 years; Professors Dieter Sevin and Glenn Webb have served 40 years; Professor Bob Fox has served 45 years; and Professor Joseph Hamilton has served 50 years.

13. **Announcements.**

Interim Dean Dever announced that several changes in personnel have been made in the A&S Dean’s Office. Professor Marc Hetherington is the new Associate Dean for graduate education; Professor Senta Victoria Greene is the new Executive Dean; and Sharon Buchanan is the new Associate Dean for finance.

14. **Good of the College.**

No issues were raised.

15. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. to a reception welcoming new faculty members and honoring award recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

Marshall C. Eakin,
Secretary of the Faculty