Minutes of the Faculty  
College of Arts & Science  

September 21, 2010

Dean Carolyn Dever called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 140 faculty members were in attendance.

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

Dean Dever nominated Professor Roy Gottfried as the Parliamentarian of the Faculty for 2010-2011. There were no other nominations, and Professor Gottfried was acclaimed.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of May 11, 2010.**

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

3. **Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of September 7, 2010.**

There were no comments or questions.

4. **Notice of Referendum regarding the AXLE version of Vanderbilt Visions.**

Dean Dever explained that this is the first of two formal notices of a faculty referendum regarding the AXLE version of Vanderbilt Visions. The AXLE version of Vanderbilt Visions was approved by the A&S faculty as part of the AXLE curriculum, but it has never been implemented. The AXLE version of Vanderbilt Visions is different from the Vanderbilt Visions program that is offered by The Commons. Last year, the AXLE Review Committee, after much discussion and feedback from A&S faculty members, recommended that it be rescinded. The referendum ballots, she continued, will be distributed by e-mail immediately after the October A&S Faculty Meeting. Further information about the AXLE version of Vanderbilt Visions is available at the following website: [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/cas/facultycouncil/vvref](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/cas/facultycouncil/vvref)

5. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the Summer Semester, August 13, 2010.**

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.
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.

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

Dean Dever presented Professor Mark Wollaeger, of the Department of English, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities; Professor Prasad Polavarapu, of the Department of Chemistry, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Natural Sciences; and Professor Michael Bess, 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 Senior Lecturer or Lecturer was awarded to Steven Baskauf, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences.

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 David Furbish of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

10. **Presentation of the Alumni Outstanding Pre-Major Adviser Award in the College of Arts & Science.**

The Alumni Outstanding Pre-Major Adviser Award was presented to Scott Zeman, a Pre-Major Adviser at CASPAR and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy.

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

Dean Dever recognized many faculty members for their significant faculty service anniversaries: Having served 20 years at Vanderbilt are Professors Sam Girgus, Holly McCammon, Mark Schoenfield, and Tom Schwartz; having served 25 years are Professors Karen Campbell, Vivien Fryd, Jon Hallquist, Terryl Hallquist, Tim Hanusa, Steve Hollon, Bruce Hughes, Tom Kephart, Michael Kreyling, John Ratcliffe, and David Schlundt; having served 30 years are Professors Kathy Anderson, Dan Cornfield, David McCauley, Marilyn Murphy, Volker Oberacker, Terry Page, Prasad Polavarapu, Eric Schechter, and Costas Tsinakis; having served 35 years are Professors Roy Gottfried, Tom Gregor, Charles Maguire, and Joel Tellinghuisen; and having served 40 years are
Professors Phillip Crooke, Michael Hodges, and Andrea Maneschi. The faculty applauded all of these individuals for their dedicated service to Vanderbilt.

12. **Announcements.**

Dean Dever announced that three important presentations are planned for A&S Faculty Meetings this year: Provost Richard McCarty and Associate Provost Susan Barge are scheduled to speak about the Kissam project at the November 16th Faculty Meeting; Associate Vice Chancellor John McDaniel and Vice Chancellor Brett Sweet have been invited to make a presentation about Vanderbilt’s financial affairs and Vice Chancellor Matthew Wright has been invited to make a presentation on Vanderbilt’s endowment.

13. **Good of the College.**

Senior Associate Dean John Sloop thanked departments and programs for developing new first-year writing seminars. The response to the call for new seminars was wonderful, he said, and A&S is back to a full complement of seminars.

14. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn H. Anderson,
Secretary of the Faculty