In the absence of Dean Dever, Executive Dean Senta Victoria Greene called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of December 8, 2009.

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


There were no comments or questions.

3. Executive Motion Calendar.

From the Student-Faculty Relations Committee: Report on the fairness of access to final exam files. Professor Bess, Secretary of Faculty Council, explained that the Council approved the report of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee. The report, he continued, presents the issues involved and outlines the various perspectives, but it does not include any recommendations. Several faculty members urged stronger action against the storage and use of old final exams by Vanderbilt student organizations. Some argued that the faculty should prohibit student groups from maintaining final exam files, while others argued that, if the Committee acknowledges that there is a fairness problem with access to final exam files, then the Committee should have recommended solutions. Professor Park, Chair of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee, responded that Committee members did not think that the problem was significant enough to warrant a mandatory solution and that most proposed solutions are unenforceable. For example, the faculty cannot take away the final exam files housed at student group offices and course instructors cannot be forced to post final exams on a web site or file them at the library. Moreover, as Professor Marcus pointed out, if the faculty were to prohibit student groups from maintaining final exam files, then they would store them electronically, and the faculty would have no control over the electronic files. Dean Bergquist noted that this is more of a university-wide issue than just an A&S issue and perhaps A&S could work through university channels to address this problem. The Vanderbilt Honor Code, for instance, is the responsibility of the Dean of Students’ office. Other faculty members suggested that a student and/or faculty survey could be conducted or that stronger action could be taken if students were to raise this issue again. The faculty then approved the report of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee, with one faculty member voting against and five faculty members abstaining.
4. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the fall semester, December 19, 2009.**

Associate Dean Fränville 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. **Original Motion Calendar.**

No issues were raised.

6. **Good of the College.**

No issues were raised.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn H. Anderson,
Secretary of the Faculty