Dean Richard McCarty called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 54 faculty members were in attendance.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of April 19, 2005.

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


Dean Bergquist read a number of corrections to the list of degree candidates that was distributed with the agenda packet for this meeting. She then moved that the faculty of the College of Arts and Science recommend to the Board of Trust that this list of candidates, as amended, be awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees and Bachelor of Science degrees, as appropriate, on Friday, May 13, 2005, and she moved that a copy of the final official Commencement Program, as approved by the Director of Student Records and the Dean of the College, be appended to these minutes as a record of the actions of this faculty in recommending candidates for degrees and in awarding honors, prizes, and medals. This motion was approved.

3. Executive Motion Calendar.

Professor Kovalcheck, Chair of the A&S Faculty Council, presented two items for action: (A) From the College Program Committee (CPC), Council recommended reapproval of the listed Humanities courses for the CPLE requirement. There were no comments or questions, and the recommendations from the CPC were approved.

(B) From the Committee on Educational Programs (CEP), Council recommended the approval of the revision of the Women’s and Gender Studies program. There were no comments or questions, and the revision was approved.

(C) From the Curriculum Committee, Council approved two new First Year Writing Seminars. This item is presented to the faculty at this meeting for informational purposes.

4. Update on the Faculty Senate.

Professor John McCarthy, the Chair of the Faculty Senate for 2005-2006, accompanied by the current Chair of the Faculty Senate, Professor Robert Thompson of the Law
School, and the incoming Secretary of the Faculty Senate, Professor Craig Anne Hefflinger of Peabody’s Department of Human and Organizational Development, both of whom are A&S alumni, explained the function and role of the Faculty Senate, recognized the outgoing A&S Faculty Senate representatives, and announced the newly elected A&S Faculty Senate representatives and the new Faculty Senate Chair-elect and Secretary-elect. Professor McCarthy explained that the rules of University Governance state that the Faculty Senate is the representative, deliberative, and legislative body of the faculty. The Constitution of the Faculty Assembly authorizes the Faculty Senate to review and evaluate the educational policies and practices of the University and to discuss any matter affecting the University. He emphasized that Faculty Senate members are available to any faculty member to hear concerns.

Professor McCarthy acknowledged the valuable contributions of the outgoing A&S Faculty Senate representatives who have completed their three-year terms: Professor James Booth, of the Department of Political Science, served on the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee; Professor Beth Conklin, of the Department of Anthropology, served on the Senate Affairs Committee; Professor Victoria Greene, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, served on the Academic Policies and Services Committee; Professor Richard Haglund, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, also served on the Academic Policies and Services Committee; and Professor Joel Tellinghuisen, of the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages, has resigned his Faculty Senate position, as he will be on leave next year. Replacing these faculty members as representatives to the Faculty Senate are: Professor John Ahner, of the Department of Mathematics; Professor Clint Carter, of the Department of Biological Sciences; Professor David Ernst, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy; Professor Ronnie Steinberg, of the Department of Sociology; and Professor David Wasserstein, of the Department of History and the Jewish Studies program.

Lastly, Professor McCarthy announced that, at yesterday’s Faculty Senate meeting, Professor Catherine Fuchs, of the Medical School’s Department of Psychiatry, was elected Chair-elect of the Faculty Senate for next year, and Professor Norman Tolk, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, was elected Secretary-elect. Faculty members applauded the outgoing Faculty Senators for their service and the officers-elect for their willingness to serve.

5. Announcements and Presentations.

Dean McCarty congratulated the recently appointed Professors Emeriti. They are: Robert Ehman, Professor of Philosophy; Paul Elledge, Professor of English; Joseph Lappin, Professor of Psychology; Richard Larsen, Professor of Mathematics; Charles Megibben, Professor of Mathematics; and Richard Pride, Professor of Political Science. He extended deep thanks to them for their 200 years of combined service. Faculty members applauded the six Professors Emeriti.

Dean McCarty then announced that the A&S Faculty Council elected new officers for the 2005-2006 academic year at its meeting of May 4, 2005. Professor William Damon, of
the Department of Economics, was elected Chair, and Professor Malcolm Getz, also of the Department of Economics, was elected Secretary. He is delighted that both of them are willing to serve as officers on the Council.

He further announced that the proposed A&S Constitutional amendments to create a new Committee on Graduate Education were approved by the faculty in an e-mail ballot. Faculty Council accepted the results of this ballot at its May 3, 2005, meeting.

Dean McCarty also heartily thanked six faculty members for completing their service as Chairs of their respective departments. These faculty members all served with great distinction. They are Professor Susan Wiltshire, of the Classical Studies Department; Professor Michael Mihalik, of the Department of Mathematics; Professor Thomas Gregor, of the Department of Anthropology, who was Chair of that department for 18 years; Professor Ping Wang, of the Department of Economics; Professor Kassian Kovalcheck, of the Department of Communication Studies and Theatre; and Professor Robert Mode, of the Department of Art and Art History. Faculty members thanked each outgoing Chair in turn with sustained applause.

6. **Original Motion Calendar.**

No issues were raised.

7. **Good of the College.**

No issues were raised.

8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. to a reception honoring the Professors Emeriti.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Gould, Secretary of the Faculty