Minutes of the Faculty  
College of Arts & Science  

September 20, 2005  

Dean Richard McCarty called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 125 faculty members were in attendance.

1. Election of A&S Secretary of the Faculty and Appointment of A&S Parliamentarian.

Dean McCarty nominated Professor Joel Tellinghuisen of the Department of Chemistry to be the new Secretary of the Faculty. There were no other nominations for this position. Faculty members elected Professor Tellinghuisen enthusiastically. Dean McCarty then nominated Professor Kassian Kovalcheck as the Parliamentarian of the Faculty. He was enthusiastically acclaimed as well.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of May 10, 2005.

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

3. Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of May 3, 2005.

There were no comments or questions.

4. Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the summer semester, August 12, 2005.

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.

5. Special Announcement on Hurricane Katrina.

Dean McCarty expressed his appreciation to faculty members for their generosity toward students from the Gulf Coast who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina. He is also grateful to the associate deans in Kirkland 311 who worked tirelessly for these students. These students will always think of Vanderbilt as a refuge during a difficult time.

6. Presentation of the Alumni Outstanding Freshman Adviser Award in the College of Arts & Science.

Dean McCarty presented Professor Clint Carter, of the Department of Biological Sciences, with the Alumni Outstanding Freshman Adviser Award.
7. **Introduction of new Arts & Science faculty members.**

Each A&S Department Chair, Program Director, or representative introduced his or her new faculty members. In addition, Associate Dean Kate Daniels introduced Amy Hodges Hamilton, who is the new A&S Director of Undergraduate Writing and who has a secondary appointment as Assistant Professor of English. She is also establishing the Writing Studio. Dean McCarty introduced Associate Dean Martin Rapisarda, who is developing proposals to establish new post-baccalaureate programs for the College of Arts and Science. A list of new tenured and tenure-track A&S faculty members is attached to these Minutes.

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

Dean McCarty presented the remaining awards. He presented Professor Mark Schoenfield, of the English Department, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities; Professor Will Johns, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Natural Sciences; and Professor John Geer, of the Political Science Department, with the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Social Sciences.

9. **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 Nathalie Dieu-Porter, who is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of French and Italian. Because she is currently the Professor in Residence for the Vanderbilt-in-France Program, Professor Virginia Scott, Chair of the Department, accepted the award on her behalf.

10. **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 George Graham of the Political Science Department.

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

Two Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards were presented, one to Caleb Clanton, from the Philosophy Department, and one to Lisa Niles, from the English Department.
12. **Announcements.**

Dean McCarty invited everyone to the renovated and expanded Buttrick Hall for a reception immediately following the meeting. He stated that the completion of the renovations to Buttrick Hall was a result of the efforts of many people, of whom two deserved special credit--Ginger Leger and Associate Dean George Sweeney. In a tribute to their contributions, Dean McCarty presented Ms. Leger and Dean Sweeney each with a framed pictorial rendering of the building, signed by the architect, Kem Hinton.

13. **Good of the College.**

No issues were raised.

14. **Adjournment.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Tellinghuisen, Secretary of the Faculty