The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Dean Carl Strikwerda.

I. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the February 1, 2005 meeting were approved as posted.

II. Nominations and Elections Committee

A. Election to the Retention, Promotion, and Tenure Committee

3-year term, Area I, III (2005-2008)
Sophia Sergi (Music)
X Joan Gavaler (Theatre, Speech, and Dance)

X Norman Fashing (Biology)
Michael Trosset (Mathematics)

One 1-year replacement for Mary Voigt, area II
X Barbara King (Anthropology)
John Gilmour (Government)

B. Election to the Educational Policy Committee

3-year term, areas I, II, and III (2005-2008)

William Hutton (Classical Studies)
X Kim Wheatley (English)

X Brad Weiss (Anthropology)
C. Lawrence Evans (Government)

Nahum Zobin (Mathematics)
X Anne Reilly (Physics)

One 1-year replacement for Lawrence Leemis, Area III
Robert Noonan (Computer Science)
X Brian Holloway (Applied Science)

C. Election to the Committee on Academic Status
3-year term, not area specific  
Lizabeth Allison (Biology)  
X Julie Galambush (Religious Studies)  
Robert Pike (Chemistry)  
X Linda Reilly (Classical Studies)  

1-year replacement  
Robert Leventhal (Modern Languages and Literatures)  
X Deborah Morse (English)  

III. Report of Administrative Officers  
Provost Geoffrey Feiss discussed the budget and the Charter University proposal. The General Assembly has recommended a 4.8% salary increase. The College will try to give salary increases in the 5.8-6.0 % range, in order to bring salaries closer to the 60th percentile of peer institutions. The state has planned no new funds for the base operating budget. There are increases planned in undergraduate and graduate financial aid which are tied to state residency. Money is also in the planned budget for the Integrated Science Center, Phase I and II, and for the acquisition of the Williamsburg Hospital. The budget next goes to the Governor for his approval, and the budget process should be complete within five weeks.  

The Charter University process is proceeding. The College is currently working out the Management Agreement.  

IV. Report from the Faculty Research Committee  
Dale Hoak summarized the report available at:  

V. Report on SACS  
David Aday did a PowerPoint presentation on the SACS process. He will send faculty the link to that presentation. He described the work of the Compliance Team, the PIE (Process of Institutional Effectiveness) Team, the Presentation and Technology Team, and the Project Working Group. He invited faculty to look at the W&M SACS website at www.wm.edu/sacs, and make comments to him at dpaday@wm.edu. The PIE documents prepared by various departments are available at www.wm.edu/sacs/pies. He encouraged faculty to check their departmental documents and make any suggestions to him.  

VI. Motion to invoke a committee of the whole to discuss the College’s presidential candidates.  
The motion passed unanimously. Lu Ann Homza, Chair of FAC, then led a discussion about the candidates for President. The Committee of the Whole recommended to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences that FAS recommend Gene Nichol as our first choice, ranking Nichol significantly higher than Taylor Reveley, and ranking Taylor Reveley higher than Virginia McLaughlin.  

VII. Arts & Sciences vote on the resolution arising from the Committee of the Whole.  
The proposal of the Committee of the Whole was made into a motion before FAS. The motion passed.  

VIII. Report from the International Studies Curriculum and Planning Committee.
In the absence of old and new business, Dean Strikwerda adjourned the meeting at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

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Professor of Religious Studies