

## **Resolutions Presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)**

At the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Meeting of December 1, 2009

1. FAC requests adoption of the following resolution regarding current and future **size of the undergraduate student body**:

“Whereas the State of Virginia has a system of higher education that embraces institutional diversity and has enabled the College of William and Mary to forge an enviable identity as a small, highly selective, and residential public university;

Whereas the continuing decline in state financial support, coupled with mounting pressure to accommodate more students, threatens to undermine the special character of the College and the integrity of our academic programs;

Be it resolved that the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, after deliberating on the issue of optimal size of the undergraduate student body, hereby recommends the following to the Board of Visitors and College Administration: (a) the College is already seriously underfunded for its current size and mission, and our highest priority must be to address this threat to the quality of programs for current and future students; (b) if, at any future time, modest growth is considered beneficial to the College, it should be intentionally planned to provide adequate resources for preserving our cherished identity; and (c) the College needs to move expeditiously to devise a new financial model that solidifies our position as a leader among public universities.”

2. FAC requests adoption of the following resolution regarding the governance and the financial impact of the **St. Andrew’s—William and Mary Joint Degree Program**:

“Given that the academic experience in Arts & Sciences is the foundation of the St. Andrew’s-William and Mary Joint Degree Program, the Faculty of Arts & Sciences resolves that (a) the Joint Degree Council should consist of representatives of appropriate Arts and Sciences units and the Reves Center as well as the St. Andrew’s counterparts; (b) the Joint Degree Council should, for now, report to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences with the mandate of curricular and budgetary oversight; (c) tuition and fee revenues from the Joint Degree Program should cover the full cost to Arts & Sciences; and (d) funds left after essential administrative costs are covered should be used to support the international academic programs of Arts & Sciences, i.e., through increased faculty positions, scholarships, and other support for departments and programs participating in the Joint Degree Program.”