

MINUTES
Meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
October 1, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Schiavelli at 3:36 p.m. in Rogers 100. Eighty-two members were present.

CORRECTION TO MINUTES:

Humorously protesting that he would not be content to shuffle papers in the Graduate Dean's Office without enjoying the prestige of the title, Mr. Winter corrected Announcement 3 of the May 7 meeting to read: "... will resign as Dean of Graduate Studies, effective the end of the Fall 1985 semester." (emphasis added) The immediately following sentence in the May 7 minutes is struck out.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

President Verkuil made remarks touching on a number of topics:

1. He hoped to be accessible but could not meet with everyone who might wish to see him.
2. It was important that the President be seen frequently in Richmond, and that he get to know the legislators and officials with most influence on matters of concern to us. He intended to spend about one day per week on average in Richmond.
3. The last time it considered the matter the State Council on Higher Education agreed for the first time to include private institutions in its peer groupings. Dartmouth is now one of twenty schools in our own peer group. Peer groupings are perhaps the most direct expression of Richmond's commitment to quality education. We can hope that any lingering skepticism on this matter in the General Assembly will be overcome by the movement of the State Council in a direction that we desire.
4. Initially the State Council intended a 10% increase for all institutions in the next salary round. This would not be especially helpful to us, since we are furthest off our peer goal. The Council is now debating whether to base its decisions on peer group consideration (which would yield about a 12% increase for us) or to stick with 10% for all institutions. We will know the answer soon. Even if it is not favorable this year, we can hope that the arguments that have been made, and the recent improvement in the Council's general view, will influence the next Governor to place added emphasis on quality education.
5. He intended to bring new administrative strength to the College, in particular by adding people who can be effective in Richmond. He believes that he also can be effective in Richmond, especially if the faculty can keep things quiet here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Dale Robinson invited faculty to attend the Arts and Sciences Benefits Orientation Program meeting, to be held next Tuesday, October 8 in Rogers 100 at 3:30 p.m. Many new benefits options are available, for example, new health programs, a TIAA-CREF program, a large number of tax sheltered annuities, etc. A Benefits Fair will also be held in the Spring.

2. Cam Walker reminded faculty of the Wednesday Forum Series offerings in the Honors Program. On October 9 (and 11) there would be Marionette Theatre productions of classical Greek plays, held at the Williamsburg Regional Library. The film version of Don Giovanni would be shown the week after that.

3. James McCord announced that the first of this semester's Town and Gown Luncheons would be held on Thursday, October 3, beginning at about 12:15 p.m. and ending around 1:30 p.m. The lunch was a good value at \$2.75. Those planning to attend should advise Mary Dean in University Relations of this by noon Wednesday. John Oakley would speak on Greek archaeology at the first luncheon; President Verkuil would speak the week after that. Mr. Schiavelli noted that faculty could obtain a list of upcoming speakers from Betty Sandy; one should assume that one was invited.

4. Tom Finn reminded faculty about the deadlines of applications for University Fellowships in the Humanities. For the two May seminars, Modern Society in a Computer Age and Beyond Objectivism and Relativism: The Knowledge Problem in the Natural and Human Sciences, the application deadline is Friday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Grants Office. For the instructor and course development grants, the deadline is Friday, November 1, again at 5:00 p.m. in the Grants Office. The awards will be announced by November 22 at the latest. Mr. Cobb and Mr. Derks, each of whom participated in last May's Seminar, both offered enthusiastic endorsements of this program.

5. Mr. Finn also mentioned the Kenan Faculty Seminar to be offered in February and March by Professor Lilian Furst, on Reading Ironies: Questions of Interpretation. Applications should be directed to the Dean's Office; the deadline is November 1.

6. Vinson Sutlive, after first noting some ways in which different civilizations have effectively segregated their poor, observed that also in 20th century Williamsburg there is a danger that poverty and need out of sight are out of mind. In order to combat this tendency he urged faculty to give generously to the United Way Campaign.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Nominations and Elections: Anne Netick, Chair

A ballot containing the names of replacement nominees for several committees on which vacancies have developed was distributed (Appendix I). No nominations were received from the floor. Later in the meeting the results were communicated: Anne Reed to the Educational Policy Committee,

Maria Palmaz to the Committee on International Studies, and Joanne Funigiello to the Degrees Committee.

Noting that October was the time when the Nominations and Elections Committee took on new members, and that it was the Faculty Affairs Committee which made the corresponding nominations, Mr. Schiavelli asked Mr. Sutlive, Chair of the FAC, to conduct the election. A ballot containing the names of those nominated was distributed (Appendix II). No nominations were received from the floor. Later in the meeting the results were communicated: Nathaniel Elliott and James Griffin from Area I, Leonard Schifrin from Area II, and Stan Hoegerman from Area III.

Retention, Promotion and Tenure: James Axtell, Chair

The previously distributed report of the committee (Appendix III) was referred to. In each of the previous two years the committee had sent a set of guidelines concerning supporting materials on candidates to department chairs. Nevertheless, such documentation was not infrequently incomplete, causing delays in the review process. The Dean has even had to demand additional data from departments on occasion. The committee offers to send out the guidelines yet again should any be in doubt as to whether the quality of their departmental filing systems is equal to that of their teaching and scholarship. Finally, it was observed that John McGlennon had been elected the new Chair of the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Craig Canning noted that the College will be sponsoring a Chinese Film Festival October 21 through 26. Films would be shown two per evening, at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., with no admission charge. Most have been released in only the last few years. Thanks are due Colonial Williamsburg for permitting the use of the Visitor's Center for these screenings. Further information would soon be sent out.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Appendix I: Ballot, from the Committee on Nominations and Elections
- Appendix II: Nominations (ballot) from the Committee on Faculty Affairs for the Nominations and Elections Committee
- Appendix III: Report to the Faculty: Advisory Committee on Retention, Promotion and Tenure