

**Minutes of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
The College of William and Mary**

**March 11, 2003
Rogers 100**

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Barbara Watkinson, Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

I. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the February 4, 2003 meeting were approved as posted.

II. Report of Administrative Officers (None today)

III. Elections

A. Faculty Assembly (3-year term)

Area 1	Ann Reed (English) X Tamara Sonn (Religion)
Area 3	Larry Leemis (Mathematics) Robert Orwoll (Chemistry) X

B. International Studies Committee (3-year term)

John Charles (Kinesiology) **X**
Mark Fowler (Philosophy)
Dan Gutwein (Music) **X**
Xiaobin Jain (MLL) **X**
Jacob Kinnard (Religion)
Gary Smith (MLL) **X**

C. Retention, Promotion, and Tenure Committee (3-year term)

Area 1	Francie Cate Arries (MLL) X Talbot Taylor (English)
Area 2	Larry Evans (Government) Yana Rogers (Economics) X Mary Voigt (Anthropology) X

IV. Report by the Faculty Research Committee

Available at <http://www.wm.edu/facultyassembly/cmssite/>

V. Report for Faculty Affairs Committee

Rex Kincaid described the current and planned activities of the committee, which include:

- Continued dialogue with ISC about their charge and their constitution

- Studying classroom scheduling practices. FAC has met with the Registrar and with the Committee for Academic Space Planning
- Studying the clarity and ranking of criteria for granting FRAs
- Studying the oversight of FRC and the setting of its policies
- Asking the Admission Policy Committee to report annually to FAS
- Giving the Dean recommendations for membership on the following search committees: Undergraduate Dean, Director of Advising, Director of College Scholars, Hamilton Professor.

VI. Old Business (None today)

VII. New Business

A. Terry Meyers presented the following resolution:

Resolved, that inasmuch as incompatibilities appear to exist between, on the one hand, the College's Information Policy Security Statement and, on the other, the College's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities and the AAUP's Statement on Academic Freedom and Electronic Communications, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences asks the Faculty Assembly to study the matter and to see to it that the Information Policy Security Statement is amended so as to comport with relevant documents.

Prof. Meyers distributed a nine-page document giving background information on the issues prompting his proposed resolution (available at <http://tlmeye.people.wm.edu/memo.htm>).

After discussion, a vote was taken on the resolution. It passed unanimously.

B. Larry Ventis raised the issue of President Sullivan's March 11, 2003 announcement that he was recommending to the Board of Visitors that Geoffrey Feiss be appointed as Provost. Prof. Ventis expressed "deep disappointment" with the process of choosing a Provost--not with the person chosen as Provost--without consulting the faculty. Prof. Ventis said that this way of appointing a Provost is demoralizing to the faculty.

Dean Watkinson adjourned the meeting at 4:14.

Respectfully submitted,

John Morreall
Professor of Religion