

Minutes of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
The College of William and Mary
May 3, 2005
University Center, Chesapeake A

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Dean Carl Strikwerda.

I. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the April 5, 2005 meeting were approved as posted.

II. Nominations and Elections Committee

A. Election to the Faculty Affairs Committee and Faculty Assembly, Area I
(one-year term to replace Beatrice Guenther)
XAlan Fuchs (Philosophy)
Silvia Tandeciarz (Modern Languages and Literatures)

B. Election to the Faculty Affairs Committee, Area III
(one-year term to replace John Drew)
Robert Orwoll (Chemistry)
XHeather Macdonald (Geology)

III. Report of Administrative Officers

A. Provost Geoffrey Feiss described the damage done by the fire in Preston Hall a few hours earlier, and the College's response. The fire, which appears to have started under the roof, has destroyed Preston Hall. Giles Hall has sustained extensive damage from water and smoke. No one was injured. Many of the 140 student residents lost all their possessions. Students will be housed temporarily in Governor's Inn, where food service and a computer lab is being set up. The Provost asked all faculty to show understanding toward the students affected, e.g., by offering students who lost all study materials the option of receiving their current grade without taking a final examination. Grades of Incomplete should be given to affected students who request it.

Salary letters will be sent on May 10, listing new salaries effective December 1, 2005.

The Provost reported on three searches. The new Registrar will be appointed by the end of the week. This person will report directly to the Provost's Office. The College has begun advertising for Karen Cottrell's replacement, who will handle admissions and financial aid. With a narrow window of opportunity, the college put an ad in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*--a search committee will be formed soon. A search will begin in early Fall for the new dean/director of the Reves Center. This will be an internal search. An interim dean/director will serve during the summer.

A change was suggested to Article VII, Sec. 1: In the proposed first sentence, the words “three members from the Faculty Affairs Committee, one from each area” be replaced by the words “no fewer than three members from the Faculty Affairs Committee, at least one from each area.” Passed unanimously.

With all the amendments made, the faculty voted, approving the Amended By-Laws unanimously.

V. Motions from the Educational Policy Committee

1. A minimum grade of C is required for any course submitted for transfer credit. Passed unanimously.
2. The College will allow newly admitted students to transfer credit for distance-learning courses. Passed.
3. A study abroad course, approved by the Committee on Degrees, may be used to satisfy GER 4 and GER 5. Such a course must meet the criteria of the GER and must deal substantially with the country or region where the student is on the study abroad program. Passed.

VI. Educational Policy Annual Report posted at:

http://www.wm.edu/fas/faculty/documents/epc/Annual_Reports%20Report%20May%202005.pdf.

VII. Retiring Professors

Dean Strikwerda and colleagues presented short speeches honoring the following professors who are retiring:

Norman Barka, Archaeology
James Baron, Classics
Lawrence Beckhouse, Sociology
Miles Chappell, Art and Art History
Steve Haynie, Kinesiology
Gary Kreps, Sociology
Robert Maccubin, English
James McCord, History
Hans Tiefel, Religious Studies
Franco Triolo, Modern Languages
Edgar Williams, Music
Michael Williamson, Music

Dean Strikwerda adjourned the meeting at 5:15. A wine-and-cheese reception followed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Morreall

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