

Faculty of Arts & Sciences
April 01, 2014, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Tidewater A, Sadler Center

Dean Kate Conley called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Attendance at the start of the meeting: 32 (no quorum, so we can hear reports but we cannot vote on anything – everyone loves reports, yes?)

- I. The minutes from March 11, 2014 were not approved** (they were not even raised for discussion) *the Secretary does not blame you, especially those of you who actually read her minutes. In the meantime, please note the following corrigenda. The mysterious Mikes were Michael Deschenes (Kinesiology) and – Mike Tierney (Government); further, Liz was **not** Liz Francis (Biology – not sure where that name came from) but rather Liz(abeth) Allison (Biology), who is in fact the chair, as the Secretary may have noticed had there been less haste (**festina lente**, as they say), and Herr Professor-at-the-Back-of-the-Room was none other than our very own award-winning Professor Paul Mapp. The secretary also regrets the slip of John for **Tom** Linneman (again, too much haste), with sincere thanks to Debbie Bebout (Chemistry) and John Gilmour (Government) – in alphabetical order – for the corrigenda. Perhaps the minutes, as corrected here, can be approved next time, or not. Soon enough it shall fall to someone else.*

<http://www.wm.edu/as/facultyresources/fas/minutes/index.php>

II. Report of Administrative Officers:

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Kate Slevin on behalf of Provost Michael Halleran reported the following:

- her report would be mercifully short.
- Provost Halleran is currently in Washington – but desired the following to be conveyed:
 - Richmond is still locking horns over the Medicaid issue, and there is, as of yet, no resolution on the budget. The Provost remains hopeful that the promised 6% for raises will not be affected.
 - that the Provost feels confident that the BoV will accept the strategies and reports developed by the various faculties to section 8 that have been submitted by the Schools.

- the appointment of Susan Grover as Vice Provost for Academic **and Faculty** Affairs (strange to read out her own slightly altered title).
- that Professor Scott Nelson (Legum Professor of History) would deliver (*will have delivered – don't you love using the future perfect tense almost as much as you love hearing reports?*) *The World that Panics Made* as the next installment in the Tack Lecture Series (April 17, 1900, Kimball theater).
- two installments of the workshop on unconscious bias at 0830-1030 and 1400-1600 on April 8.
- “that’s it, unless you have questions – I don’t have answers but you may have questions.”

question and discussion

- John Oakley (Classical Studies): requests an update on the retirement incentive discussion. *KS: will convey the faculty's concern to the Provost. Suzanne Raitt will address this very issue in her own imminent report.*

Dean Kate Conley reported the following:

- how amusing it is to her to have a faculty meeting on April Fool’s day. In France the day is known as *Poisson d’Avril*, and if we were in France, we’d probably all have fish taped to our backs, something that is done as a gag in French classes, but is indeed done in France. They actually tape fish to each other’s backs, and she may very well have one taped to her back even as we speak.
- a plea for faculty to introduce themselves before addressing our august body (*after reading the last installment of the minutes, many of the faculty seemed sufficiently chastised and complaisant, duly introducing themselves, with humble thanks from the Secretary*).
- a call for proposals for May Seminars, divided between general May seminars (due to Joel Schwartz by April 11) and those proposals geared specifically to the new COLL curriculum-specific (due to Gene Tracy by April 14).
- the multiple presentations on the new COLL curriculum that she, Lu Ann Homza, and John Griffin have given at various venues, including one last week to the major gift officers for the Development Office, where they (the Deans – *English pronouns are so vague*) had the full attention of the audience that filled this very venue. The Dean feels good about the level of information that they (the Deans) were able to convey and the level of interest and motivation that the audience members exuded.
- John Griffin is in contact with Departments and Programs to advise on how our current courses might be re-arranged under the new COLL system.

- contracts for NTEs are due this week, and it is possible to grandfather long-standing NTE's who might prefer to retain their pre-NTE-policy titles.
- the Dean-team (*da da da da da, Dean-team!*) and the FAC have met with Christy Porter and Iyabo Osiapem regarding their concerns for NTE faculty and how the Policy might be adjusted over time. The Policy is simply a road map, and now it is about to be road-tested.
- Ewell Hall still awaits the submission of NTE policies from some programs.
- regarding Position Authorizations: TE requests were due yesterday, but Position Authorizations cannot proceed until a budget is in place (hopefully after the BoV meeting at the end of April). It is hoped that most requests will be approved, but a few may need to be deferred, with the budget still being uncertain and with reallocation still in progress (*ah, the ablative absolute!*).
- regarding Salaries: the same formula devised by the merit working group will be employed again, and these calculations cannot begin before "we have a budget". Besides, some Merit Reviews are still wanting. Once the budget is set, equity adjustments and merit increases will be assessed, and forwarded to the Provost, who will then return his recommendations (approval *aut advorsum*), and salary letters will then be issued **as soon as possible after the April BoV meeting** but probably not before July (*nota bene*: the revised language now incorporated into our faculty handbook).
- An imminent celebration of **100 YEARS OF WOMEN AT WILLIAM AND MARY** in 2018 which is "thrillingly" soon. Plans commence for this multi-year fête rich with possibilities, and the Dean is hoping that the commemoration will include a substantial intellectual and academic component (seminars at all levels, oral histories, honor's projects, graduate student projects, courses, fora – and not just in the Department of History but from multiple departments). The Dean wishes to see A&S strongly represented and is eager to hear from any faculty interested in working on this gala. In other words, "let's do something more substantive than just have a party".

question and discussion

- Leisa Meyer (History and American Studies): will the raises and bumps also include staff? KC: "I hope so. But we are still waiting for the budget and for the ratification of the Promise." VP KS: the Provost is optimistic that we will have the 6% for faculty and 4% for staff that we had last year, but we do not know.
- Suzanne Raitt (English): requests that a reminder of the formula be sent with our salary letters. KC will send the formula. How the monies are applied

depends on the word from Richmond. Richmond allows for COLA increase, BoV allows only for merit raises.

- John Riofrio (Modern Languages and Literatures): queries about the faculty response to the upcoming unconscious bias workshops. He for one was shocked to learn just how low W&M ranks in diversity of faculty and students. *KC: She doesn't yet know. "Sometimes these workshops are not attended by the people you might wish would attend." If the workshops are not as well-attended as fully as we'd like, we could ask the group to return, and by word of mouth, turn-out may improve. The Provost has made this a priority.*
- Anne Rasmussen (Music): queries about TE requests – new line requests versus requests for filling retiree positions. Who gets the lines? E.g., which ones do departments own and which ones “go back into the soup?” *KC: No department owns any position, and positions are awarded according to the stresses and priorities of the faculty and the curriculum. All the requests are considered together, taking into account which departments have average enrollments versus those with bursting enrollments. Need is defined variously – curriculum, program reviews, the directions into which departments are going, where doors are being broken down (well, not so much, our students are very polite) or rather where students are eager to get into certain classes. And this should be a group discussion.*
- Leisa Meyer (History and American Studies): worries about the “level playing field” and whether Departments like History, MLL, and English – which sponsor a number of joint appointments, where the faculty member may teach **one** course in History/MLL/English, etc. – might be punished for being “good citizens” and be passed over for lines since their faculty numbers seem artificially inflated. *KC: this is why it is important to have these conversations with the Deans.*

III. Report from Faculty Assembly

Suzanne Raitt reported the following:

- since two of the items she plans to talk about have already been raised, perhaps we might actually find at least two of her agenda items interesting – and this is very exciting to her.
- she will proceed in no particular order but will address the concerns raised by Rio first.
- regarding Diversity of faculty and students, we are at the bottom of our SCHEV group. FA is producing a short video featuring minority students who are being interviewed on their experiences in the W&M classrooms.

- regarding Retirement Incentives: a proposal is promised to the Provost in May. “We have been working on this” .
- regarding NTE Representation on the FA: FA expects a vote in April.
- “you’ll laugh if I mention” the 2013 Faculty Survey which has been mired in so many things “I don’t have time to list them” – so many things it has been mired in “as long as its own length”. But a report is pending by the end of the semester.
- FA – spearheaded by our own Bill Cooke among other FA members – is engaging with student affairs to respond to the notorious Sigma Chi email.
- to end on a positive note, regarding Partner Benefits, our own Policy passed in September 2013 (you probably won’t remember this), and other VA publics are falling in step behind us: GMU (October 2013), Norfolk State (Nov. 2013), JMU (Dec), VCU (Jan. 2014), UVa (March 2014), Va Tech and ODU are in the process of passing their policies.
- any question? thanks ☺

IV. Report from Faculty Affairs Committee

Barbette Spaeth reported the following:

- 8 meetings of the FAC since the last report at the February A&S meeting.
- wherein the following actions were taken:
 - a request to Provost to address issues surrounding new policy on F&A.
 - contacted the several-years-moribund A&S Affirmative Action Committee with a request to investigate their history and charge in preparation for moving forward.
 - identified nominees for replacements on N&E committee for 2014-2015.
 - approved report of WG on Faculty Awards, Prizes, and Professorships and planned for submission of an amendment to A&S bylaws to create a new standing committee.
- and the following discussions occurred:
 - misogynistic Sigma Chi email and planned responses.
 - possible response to Provost’s request to revise FAC/CCPD Ad hoc CFTAP report.
 - possible ways to improve operations in the Dean’s Office.
 - service component in flexible merit evaluations.
 - question from EPC regarding state level request to consider additional forms of pre-matriculation credits including potential to award credit for military training.

- athletic policy regarding missed classes.
- and, finally, the annual plea for faculty members to volunteer for non-elective FAC committees as a way to fill out our service commitments and become more involved in the College community. *Volunteer or be volunteered.*

V. Report from Nominations and Elections Committee

has been postponed because the required announcement was not broadcast within the faculty-handbook designated window

VI. Report from Committee on Degrees

John Griffin (Dean for Undergraduate Studies) reported the following

- 201 petitions came to the full committee in 2012-2013 of which 88 were approved. e.g.,:
 - waivers of 10-semester rule
 - substitution of relevant courses for GERs
 - taking GERs at other institutions
- 102 petitions (Fall 2012) and 131 petitions (Spring 2013) were considered on behalf of the committee. e.g.,:
 - retroactive transfer credits
 - change of grade from P/F to letter and vice versa
 - transfer credits to satisfy major/minor requirements
- see further:
 - <http://www.wm.edu/as/facultyresources/committees/degrees/documents/index.php>

VII. Report from Dean's Working Group on Faculty Awards, Prizes, and Professorships (CFAPP)

postponed because we lack a quorum, and there is an amendment for consideration and an eventual vote – in spite of pleas for absent faculty members to come to the meeting (*or to **return!!!** which seemed to have had the opposite effect on Faculty on this pretty day*).

So we move on to a report that does not require a vote.

VIII. Report from FAC Working Group on A&S Budget

Bill Cooke reported the following:

- in response to a pre-Promise request to examine the W&M budget on a business model.
- with thanks to fellow committee members John Donahue, David Feldman, John McGlennon, Gul Ozyegin, and Silvia Tandeciarz, and John Griffin and Steve Otto.
- the committee's charge was to investigate rising budgeted expenditures.
 - growing budgets (especially increased F&A).
- A&S versus the other schools.
 - the other schools receive subsidies from the College but get to keep tuition revenue (athletic fees are funneled into undergraduate tuition scholarships, but no contribution to F&A). Tuition revenue from A&S provides half of the University F&A.
- increased tuition revenue is cancelled out by decreased state support and increased F&A costs (custodial and maintenance – for the new buildings which Richmond gives us money to build but no money to maintain, etc.).
- While tuition has risen (\$16,000 on average), E&G per student has remained flat (\$9,000).
- Conclusions:
 - rising F&A costs should be monitored, and the BoV has demanded an efficiency study of the business side of the University, with results to be reported at their April Meeting.
 - Different budget models for the different academic units put the burden of increasing F&A and decreasing state support on undergraduate tuition. Past trends should be recognized when setting priorities.
 - Spending per student in each unit has fallen, and we wonder how the Promise will address this issue.

questions and discussion:

- John Gilmour (Government): queries about the measures the professional schools are expected to take in response to these findings. *BC: the Provost has said that it is important to have professional schools and graduate programs, but these are not self-supporting – across the country. The fact that they cost money should not be disturbing*

- David Feldman: “every tub on its own bottom” is not the goal here. Decisions are made ad hoc, and it is not clear that over the last seven years the accumulated decisions have led to a situation that is favorable. Our conclusions were surprising to some of the decision makers. It is good to have this information, and it was not our intent to judge the information.
- Gul Ozyegin (Sociology): We are not in favor of a decentralized system, but clearly some of the “gentlemanly agreements” need to be revisited.
- Gene Tracy (Physics): The whole point of the Promise is that the funding model will/should change. Why not suspend the reallocation until new system is in place?
- Berhanu Abegaz (Economics): regarding graduate students in A&S versus the other schools, can we boost our graduate students? BC: *there is not much clarity on the separation of undergraduate and graduate students/funds/resources. There is mixing of tuition and stipends, and “this is outside my grasp at this point.”*
- John Riofrio (Modern Languages and Literatures): On the one hand (μεν) clearly the graduate programs contribute to our profile as a research university. But on the other hand (δε), the success of our undergraduate program has raised the profile of the professional schools. *Agreed, but this is not the point. The committee does not intend to pit school against school, and the Committee was surprised that all the schools are essentially in the same financial situation, with decreasing state revenue and increasing costs. The professional schools are not significantly better off than A&S.*
- Sarah Stafford (Economics): desires that the separate threads could be separated out more clearly. BC: *agreed. We don’t know about endowment, etc...*

Applause, applause, applause for a fine report, well-delivered. There ensues discussion of whether to proceed with the CFAPP report, but this is rejected since a vote is in order and there seems to be no point to begin a discussion on an issue that we cannot vote on since the pretty weather has kept faculty away from the meeting. The meeting concluded with a hope for bad weather next time so the discussion (that should have occurred on March 11) might finally happen at the May meeting – strike that – so much was postponed from the March meeting that your Secretary is now fabricating agenda items.

Barbette’s motion to adjourn is seconded. The Dean thanks us all (us few?) for coming and contributing to a very informative meeting.

Dean Conley adjourned the meeting at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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And, now, the moment you've all been waiting for - du Lagniappe, as they say on the Bayou - your Reward for slogging through these penultimate Minutes. Eugepae!!!!

Tidewater A: the final frontier. These are the minutes of the Starschool-gli. Its three-year mission: to appoint strange new working groups, to hash out new policies and new resolutions, to boldly (sic) parody where no Secretary has parodied before.

*The Dean called the meeting to order at Star Date 2014.04.06, Zulu 2126.
Attendance at the start of the meeting, 3.14159265359.*

I. Report of the Administrative Officers:

Vice Provost Vice Admiral Maxwell Forrest reported the following on behalf of Provost Admiral Kirk

- *that Admiral Kirk was detained with Captain Picard and Chancellor Gowron on a diplomatic mission to the Romulan empire.*
- *that Starfleet command remains locked in contention over the controversial intergalactic ice-cream tax, and that the budget cannot be finalized until this highly politicized issue is resolved. Admiral Kirk hopes that a budget will be in place by the next meeting - though we all know the score by now - Starfleet Command will argue over the controversial intergalactic ice cream tax until the starfish come home to roost or whatever it is that starfish do when they come home, which they do so rarely.*
- *that space buoys have been set in place for the construction of Deep Space 10.*
- *that "fundraising" for the construction of the projected Deep Space 11 and 12 is well-underway, thanks to the questionable business dealings of the Ferengi.*
- *that the Admiral remains confident that we can continue fruitful conversations with the Borg. Despite their historical declarations that "resistance is futile," the Admiral is optimistic that we shall not be assimilated.*

questions and discussion:

- *Shran (Andorian): you pink skins do not recognize the threat of the Romulan empire. The admiral is a fool to think he can settle tensions with the Romulans by a "diplomatic mission."*
- *Quark (Ferengi): according to the Rules of Acquisition #9: opportunity plus instinct equals profit.*
- *Scotty (Human, Earth) queries about the new infrastructure (thick Scottish accent): Deep Space 1-9 are givin' us all they got. This campus'll blow if we d'na stop expandin'.*

Dean "Bones" McCoy reported the following:

- *a joyous Parilia to us all - it is not every day that the greatest empire in the history of the universe turns 2,770 - we should all celebrate with a double martini at the very least (grey goose, of course). What good is a birthday without a little indulgence? (let's not disappoint our Dean, the good and sage Dr. "Bones"!)*
- *a productive and encouraging meeting last week with the Borg Queen who assured the "Dean-team" that all avenues would be explored before the inevitable moment of total assimilation.*
- *a new working group to liaise with Q of the Q-Continuum in the hopes of finally putting a stop to (or at least reducing the frequency of) the perplexing, amusing and random shenanigans of the Continuum in the day-to-day activities of the Enterprise-gli.*
- *how pleased he is with the hard work and good progress of the Dean's Working Group Committee on the Repeated and Unacceptable Breaches of the Prime Directive by the Borg and the Q-Continuum (DWGCotRaUBoftPDbtBatQ-C).*

questions and discussion:

- *Quark (Ferengi): according to the Rules of Acquisition #35: peace is good for business.*
- *Worf (Klingon): (in response to DWGCotRaUBoftPDbtBatQ-C) today is a good day to die.*
- *General Martok (Klingon): I agree with my colleague Worf. I want to kill. I mean, I wanna, I wanna kill. Kill. I wanna, I wanna see, I wanna see blood and gore and guts and veins in my teeth. Eat dead burnt bodies. I mean kill, Kill, KILL, KILL.*
- *Seven of Nine (Borg-Human): I am seven of nine tertiary adjunct of unimatrix 01.*

- *Malcolm Reed (Human, Earth): (elegant English accent) we need to redesign the safety protocols. All members of Starfleet should carry side-arms. All systems should be in instant readiness.*

II. Report from the Starfleet Assembly:

Kira (Bajoran) reported the following:

- *an engaging meeting of the SA with the Borg. The Borg Queen seems quite interested in listening to our concerns, and she remains open-minded that the "Borg-model" may not be the best model for the day-to-day operations of Enterprise-gli.*
- *progress on the referendum to include Cardassian ice cream in all ice-cream dispensers on Enterprise-gli. She has been in contact with Deep Space 7 and Deep Space 8 who are developing their own referenda.*
- *continuing talks, spearheaded by our very own Odo, to allow the Changlings representation and voting rights on all SA standing committees.*

III. Report from the Starfleet Affairs Committee:

Chakotay (Human/Maquis) reported the following:

- *25 meetings of the SAC since the last meeting of the Starfleet Academy in which the following items were discussed:*
 - *the referendum to include Cardassian ice cream in all Starfleet ice cream dispensers.*
 - *Changling representation on standing committees.*
 - *the resolution that will be presented by DWGCotRaUBoftPDbtBatQ-C to the Academy forsooth.*

questions and discussion:

- *none, the academy members are collecting their thoughts, preparing to be long-winded, redundant, repetitive, and contentious.*

IIII. Report from the Dean's Working Group Committee on the Repeated and Unacceptable Breaches of the Prime Directive by the Borg and the Q-Continuum (DWGCotRaUBoftPDbtBatQ-C)

Spock (Vulcan) reported the following:

- *a thanks to all of his fellow working group members for their hard work and long hours in exploring this problem and in devising a complex and sensitive resolution. (He named the 25 members, but the Secretary does not think it important to record their names - you can read the full report for yourself*

on their webpage: www.Enterprise-gli/GLI/DWGCotRaUBoftPDbtBatQ-C.html).

- both the Borg and the Q-continuum have unacceptably and repeatedly breached the Prime Directive.
- this is illogical.
- the committee therefore offer the following resolution:
 - Whereas the Borg and the Q-Continuum have repeatedly and unacceptably breached the Prime Directive, the Academy of the Starschool Enterprise-gli hereby strongly demands that they stop repeatedly and unacceptably breaching the Prime Directive, **OR ELSE**.

questions and discussion:

- Hoshi (Human, Earth): there should be a semicolon between Directive and Or.
- Uhura (Human, Earth): no, the comma is fine, but there should be an exclamation mark at the end.
- Riker (Human, Earth): **there should be three exclamation marks!!!**
- Scotty (Human, Earth; thick Scottish accent): aye, Will, m'boy. There should be three exclamation marks. Otherwise, the rogues mayna ken we mean business.
- Chekov (Human, thick Russian accent): da, three exclamation marks. Those willains don' wouchsafe to subtlety.
- Sulu (Human, Earth): I move we add three exclamation marks.
- indiscriminate chatter: seconded, seconded, seconded!!!
- Seven of Nine (Borg-Human): the comma should be a semi-colon.
- Tuvok (Vulcan;Parliamentarian): there is a motion on the floor. It is illogical to discuss other items before the first motion is resolved.
- Geordi LaForge (Human, Earth): Although there is merit in having either one or three exclamations, to my mind, I think that two exclamations marks should be sufficient.
- Captain Kathryn Janeway (Human, Earth): I agree with my colleague from engineering; three exclamation marks are over doing it, but one is all that is needed. More exclamation marks might seem incendiary.
- Shran (Andorian, with usual Andorian disdain): you foolish pink skins, always worried about offending the Borg or the Q-Continuum. They are trying to destroy us, and you think we ought to be diplomatic! The Borg want to assimilate us, and you worry that we might get them mad. Typical, pink skin conceit!

- *Ambassador Sarek (Vulcan): Since the Borg and the Q-Continuum have no feelings, it is illogical to go to such lengths to avoid offending them. Three exclamation marks are more emphatic.*
- *Vorik (Vulcan): I agree with my colleague from Vulcan.*
- *T'Pol (Vulcan): though I also agree that three exclamation marks may be more emphatic, it is illogical to use more than one. This breaches the rules of proper grammar and punctuation in the Neutral Zone Manual of Style.*
- *Dax (Trill symbiont): While I recognize the merits of one, two, three, or more exclamation marks, and while I concede that many good and persuasive arguments have been made by all of my distinguished colleagues, I want to go home before the turn of the next millennium. blah, blah, blah. I call the question.*
- *Dean Admiral "Bones": the question has been called. All in favor say "aye"*
- *Kira (Bajoran): point of order, what are we voting on?*
- *Tuvok (Vulcan; Parliamentarian): the question has been called. It is logical to vote on ending discussion before proceeding to a vote on the motion.*
- *Dean Admiral "Bones": all in favor of ending discussion, say "aye".*
- **aye, aye, aye, aye.**
- *Dean Admiral "Bones": all opposed, same sign.*
- **aye, aye, nay, aye, nay, nay.**
- *Chakotay (Human/Maquis): don't we need a 2/3 vote?*
- *Tuvok (Vulcan; Parliamentarian): yes, a 2/3 vote is logical.*
- *Deanna Troi (Betazed-Human): (east London accent) the vote was not clear.*
- *Tuvok (Vulcan; Parliamentarian): then we shall need to do a count.*
- *hands are counted: the vote is 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34.... the motion carries.*
- *Tuvok (Vulcan; Parliamentarian): now it is logical to vote on the motion.*
- *Hoshi (Human, Earth): what is the motion?*
- *ζ: to add three exclamation marks to the end of the resolution.*
- *Dean Admiral "Bones": all in favor of the motion to add three exclamation to the resolution, say "aye".*
- **aye, aye, aye, aye.**
- *Dean Admiral "Bones": all opposed, same sign*
- *aye-nyae.*
- *Sulu's motion to add three exclamation marks carries.*
- *Quark (Ferengi): has the working group thoroughly explored the economic ramifications of this resolution? Spock: We have investigated all the algorithms, compound interest of the S&P-NASDAQ growth factor, Dow*

Jones, real dollars, MONY, inflation, deflation, recession, injection, inspection, detection, infection, neglect and selection. In the short run we predict a sharp depression which will rebound into an equitable planned socialist economy after the inevitable assimilation finally occurs.

- *Deanna Troi (Betazed-Human): (east London accent) I applaud the hard work of the working group. But how will this resolution impact the intergalactic ice cream tax? and more importantly, won't there be a sharp dip in the chocolate sundae supply, especially in light of the resolutions regarding Cardassian ice cream?* Spock: these conclusions are highly illogical and they are not borne out by market factors.
- *Porthos (subordinate canine companion): Ruff!* Spock: it is illogical for Captain Archer's dog to contribute to this weighty and critical discussion.
- *Gul Dukat (Cardassian): there is no delicacy as exquisite as Cardassian ice cream, not even Mom's spaghetti and meatballs.*
- *Ro Laren (Bajoran/Maquis): I cannot even believe that we are considering adding Cardassian ice cream to the ice cream dispensers. This goes against every thing that we believe in, everything that we have been fighting for. The Cardassians are an evil race of war-mongers who will not be happy until they've eliminated all ice-cream choices from the ice cream dispensers. The Cardassians are no better than the Q-Continuum or the Borg! We should not have to justify ourselves to the Borg over the Cardassian ice cream dispute.*
- applause, applause, applause.
- *Quark (Ferengi): according to the Rules of Acquisition #34: war is good for business.*
- *Neelix (Talaxian): Cardassian ice cream is vile, disgusting stuff. We should add Ocampan ice cream instead.*
- *Phlox (Denobulan): I prefer Risan ice cream. The Risans rival our Human friends in knowing how to truly enjoy life's little pleasures.*
- *The Doctor (hologram): ice cream is bad for your health. It has too much sugar and too much fat.*
- *Phlox (Denobulan): Ah!, but it is as good for the soul as it is for the taste buds!*
- *Neelix (Talaxian): (musingly) I am rather fond of Risan ice cream.*
- *Worf (Klingon): Gagh is best, especially when it is fresh.*
- *Chakotay (Human/Maquis): we seem to be off topic. I think we can all agree that different ice creams all have their merits, but we should be focusing our attentions on our common enemy.*

- *Indiscriminate shouts: the Cardassians! the Romulans! the Klingons! the Andorians! The Judean People's Front!!!*
- As the meeting degenerates into a general imbroglio, the Borg descend and begin to assimilate Academy Members. Then Q of the Q-Continuum arrives and transports the entire Assembly back to Cleopatra's barge on the Nile, to the great perplexity of the crocodiles and hippopotamoi.

the meeting dissolved in chaos sometime in the 30s BCE.

Disclaimer: any resemblance between the Characters of this Parody and any other Characters - real or fictional - is entirely coincidental. Don't try to figure out who you are because you aren't (*cogitas ergo abes*). This is my Parody, and it is peopled strictly by absurd Caricatures from the Star Trek Franchise, so check your Disbelief at the door - this is a reality-free Zone. No Disrespect or Offense is intended to any of my distinguished colleagues at Enterprise-gli, to Cleopatra, or to Gene Rodenberry and subsequent generations of creative Geniuses behind the Star Trek franchise. Nor do I intend any offense to the Borg, Q-Continuum, Andorians, Klingon or Romulan Empires, and especially not to the Cardassians, whose Ice Cream is most certainly an acquired taste. What the heck, what do I care who's offended? And besides, have you ever eaten Cardassian Ice Cream?!?

Penultimately, another shout out to Latin 102 who assured me that this Parody is funny. They said they deserved another shout-out because they are the only ones actually reading this dreadful drivel and even more grievous codae. Anyone who would waste precious study time reading these preposterous pratings deserves a shout-out. **Salvete** (in no particular order) to **Ben, Joe, Aaron, Kristen, Dereck, Erin, Jason, Paige, Cherrie, Daniel, Emily, Molly, Megan, Joe, Susannah, Peter, Rachel, Katy, Alex, Sam, Joe, Laura, Sheila.**

I take no responsibility for any errors or misinformation contained in this Parody, but instead place the blame squarely on anyone and everyone else. If you didn't like the Parody, blame my Students or my Brothers or my Father (who would be so proud!). This Parody was blocked out on AA flight 1365 (RIC to DFW) and AA flight 1276 (DFW to RIC) - perhaps the most productively misspent time travelling to an academic conference in the history of travelling to academic conferences.

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