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# SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

## Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2000

1. **Call to order and Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 2:10 and minutes of the meeting of April 3 were approved.
2. **Course Reduction for Speaker:** Speaker of the Assembly reported on the matter of a course reduction for the Speaker of the Assembly. He noted a problem in accepting a course reduction: if the election is late in the academic year, the Speaker Elect may have a difficult time finding a replacement to cover the course s/he will not be teaching. He suggested earlier elections.
3. **Protocol:** The Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Ronald Atkins, presented the following Motion: "The attached Protocol for Requesting the Faculty's Assembly's Involvement in Changes Concerning Curriculum and Educational Policy shall be an official policy of the Faculty Assembly." The Curriculum Committee, a committee that advises the Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly, formulated the proposal.

The proposal was presented as a positive step and something that is similar to what is done at many other institutions. The Rationale included in the proposal stressed that the Protocol is about the importance of communication, cooperation, planning, avoiding misunderstandings, and professionalism.

Two amendments were presented. (a) The first would have given the Assembly the specific authority to pass an official amendment to a proposal that was still in the discussion stage. This amendment was not carried. (b) A second amendment concerned the deletion of the provision (in "General Information") that "the discontinuance of Majors, Minors, programs, and certain courses" was not covered by this Protocol. The amendment to delete these words was passed.

The Motion was passed by a wide margin.

4. **"Mission Program":** Lois Eveleth reported that an informal group of faculty has been meeting and discussing the idea of an alternative Core Curriculum / GED. This group has taken into consideration the needs of Professional Programs, which are under pressure from outside agencies. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact Lois Eveleth.
5. **The University Self-Study:** Sr. Leona Misto reported on the University's Self-Study for the Accreditation visit in the spring. The draft report is on the University's Intranet and comments on it are welcome. She would appreciate receiving any documentation to substantiate that a department's goals and objectives are being met.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15. All were invited to a reception in honor of George Morris, a retired colleague.