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SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting of March 3, 2006

Jay Lacouture, Speaker of the Assembly, presided.

1. **Call to Order and Minutes.** The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. The Speaker offered a brief reflection on the fire at New Breakers. The speaker also offered intentions on behalf of those faculty families who are experiencing serious illnesses. Finally, the Speaker expressed thanks on behalf of the Assembly to the Search Committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs, which has successfully concluded its work. After brief discussion, the Minutes of the February meeting were approved by Unanimous Consent.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** On behalf of Carol Gibbons, the Speaker reported that 57 members of the Assembly have paid their dues. Carol will be sending a reminder to faculty who have not yet paid.
3. **University Center for Teaching Excellence.** On behalf of Lynne McVey, Brian McCadden made a brief presentation concerning plans for the development of a Center for Teaching Excellence. Lynne McVey has received a course reduction to continue planning for this Center. Those wishing further information should contact George Antone, chair of the Advisory Committee to the Office of Academic Grants.
4. **BA Degree in International Studies.** George Antone and Camille Allen presented information concerning a new degree in International Studies. After the presentation, they entertained questions concerning the possible development of a minor and the academic sponsorship and oversight of the major. Those wishing further information or desiring to suggest possible courses for the major should contact George Antone or Camille Allen. The proposed degree will be brought to the Assembly for a vote at the April meeting.
5. **Parliamentarian's Report.** John Greeley, as Parliamentarian, provided a précis of his report (circulated to members of the Assembly in advance) describing procedural points concerning motions made and discussed at the February meeting. He explained his decision to rule the second motion made at that meeting out of order. He also explained why the motion to remain on the floor ("Motion to Amend the Process Used for the Evaluation of Academic Administrators", see below) contained a clause that would effectively terminate the present evaluation process if the motion were approved.
6. **Executive Session.** A motion was made to move the remainder of the meeting to Executive Session. After a voice vote, the motion was recalled, as at least one objection was heard, necessitating discussion and a formal vote. After brief discussion the motion to move the meeting into Executive Session carried, 39 votes YES, 27 votes NO, 5 votes to ABSTAIN.