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SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting of November 3rd, 2006 Bazarsky Lecture Hall

Carol Gibbons, Speaker of the Executive Assembly, presided.

- 1. **Call to Order and Minutes.** The meeting was called to order at 1.10 p.m. The minutes of the October meeting were approved by Unanimous Consent.
- 2. **Treasurer's Report.** Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli as Treasurer reported a balance of \$796.54 in the Assembly's account. This amount will rise to \$1,997.54 as soon as checks currently in hand are deposited. Receipts will be issued to the 30 faculty members who have paid their dues.
- 3. **Welcome to New Faculty Members.** The introduction and welcome of new faculty members continued.
- 4. **Announcement of Retirement Certificate.** The Speaker announced that a Certificate has been prepared for Beverly Murphy, who recently retired from the Education Department. The Speaker will also present Beverly with a gift certificate from Barnes & Noble on behalf of the Assembly.

5. Committee Reports.

Lynne McVey made a brief presentation concerning the **Center for Teaching Excellence**. The committee met on 25 October to review the responses to the on-line survey conducted last spring. The committee's determination is that there is definite interest in the Center. A search for a permanent location for the Center is underway.

Jay Lacouture representing an *ad hoc* **Committee to Research a Dean of Faculty**, invited members of the Assembly to a meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at 2.30 p.m. in the Jazzman Café. Other volunteers for the committee are Kathy Nickerson, Chris Kiernan, and Sr. Marta McDonnell. Jay also took the opportunity to invite members of the Assembly to *Through the Eyes of a Soldier*, the new exhibition at the University Gallery.

Sr. Diane Tompkinson from the **Committee for the Evaluation of Administrators**, reported that the nine elected members of the committee met on 3 October, 10 October, and 20 October. Sr. Therese Antone attended the first two meetings. The Committee has reached consensus to work with Dr. Robert Bonnevie, of the Palmer Group, Inc., Sr. Therese's outside consultant in this regard. Members are currently conducting research on assessment processes at other institutions and developing a set of principles to guide Salve Regina's process.

6. Announcements.

The **Process for Adding Courses to the Core Curriculum** will be made available to all members of the Assembly shortly. The Speaker reminded Assembly members that the **Protocol** for introducing new courses is currently available on the Faculty Assembly website.

Ellen McCarty, Chair of the **Institutional Review Board** (IRB), announced that the IRB Manual is now available online. The IRB works to ensure the protection of human and animal subjects of research. Resources for interested faculty members have been placed on reserve in the McKillop Library. Those wishing further information should feel free to contact Ellen directly.

- 7. Motion: Selection of Valedictorian. Art Frankel presented a motion revised from the October meeting proposing a new method for selection of the student speaker at Commencement. The motion was seconded and generated extensive discussion. At the suggestion of Jim Terry, Paula Martasian made a motion for an amendment that made the language more precise at three points. The amendment passed on a voice vote. After more discussion, the matter was voted on and failed, 12 votes FOR, 53 votes AGAINST, 3 votes to ABSTAIN.
- **8. Presentation on Libraries.** Dean de la Motte, as Chair of the *ad hoc* Committee on Library Space Utilization, introduced Kathleen Boyd, Director of Library Services, who gave a presentation on "New Learning Spaces in Libraries."

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2.40 p.m.