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SALVE REGINA FACULTY ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the January 22, 2001 Meeting

Present: Ronald Atkins, Thomas Day, Terrence Gavan (Chair), Christopher Kiernan, Juliette Relihan, Johnelle Luciani RSM, Michael Malone CSSp, Arthur Zarrella

1. **Call to Order and Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM. The minutes of the November 20 meeting were approved. The draft minutes for the Faculty Assembly Meeting of December 4 were authorized for submission to the Assembly.
2. **Social.** Discussion of plans for a “Winter social” on February 23.
3. **Treasurer’s Report.** \$3384.56 balance. 66 individuals have paid dues.
4. **FACSB.** The committee has not issued a report so far. The Executive Committee will receive further information by E-mail, when it is available.
5. **Undergraduate Council.** The Executive Committee’s liaison with the Undergraduate Council reported that the Council had received ideas for plans concerning (a) a service component attached to some undergraduate courses and (b) an Honors Program connected with the Pell Center.
6. **Elections.** The results of recent elections have not been announced yet. The process for electing a new Speaker will proceed once the results are released.
7. **Course reduction for Speaker of the Faculty Assembly.** The Executive Committee anticipated that it may be difficult to find candidates for Speaker of the Assembly (who is also Chair of the Executive Committee). The main problem is ambiguity about a presumed “rule” that the Speaker must take a course reduction. This “rule” – in effect, an eligibility requirement for Speaker – was part of a recommendation passed by the Assembly on October 4, 1999. The Executive Committee has found the wording of this “rule” to be unclear and also an attempt to amend the Assembly’s constitution without following specific constitutional procedures.

The committee worked on a Motion that would help to clarify the problem. Because of the rush to finish the meeting so that members could attend a faculty workshop, the committee agreed to refine the wording of the Motion by E-mail.
8. **Pell Scholars.** The committee reviewed the proposal for the Pell Scholars Honors Program and agreed to place it on the agenda for the next Assembly meeting. There was some confusion about the nature of the proposal. Is it a pilot program that the administration has planned and already publicized? Is it a proposal for a “Substantial Curriculum Change,” according to the Assembly’s Protocol? If it is the latter, its presentation will follow the steps of the Assembly's Protocol.
9. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.