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SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting of June 8, 2005

Executive Session

Johnelle Luciani RSM presided.
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Election of the Speaker

State Dining Room, Ochre

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the May 6 meeting were approved by General Consent.
3. **Evaluation of Administrators – Qualitative Results.** Sister Johnelle began by reminding everyone that the results were to be kept confidential. She indicated that the Assembly would hear a summary of the positive and negative written comments in each area. The Assembly then listened to the summaries.

By a vote of 49 YES, 0 NO and 4 ABSTAIN the Assembly voted to send these summaries to the appropriate administrator today and to the President three working days later.

4. **Evaluation of the Assembly.** Barbara Sylvia reported on behalf of the committee established to evaluate the Assembly. She began with these statistics:
 - 58 responses from the full-time faculty were completed and sent to the committee.
 - 35% of those who responded said they were not able to determine if the Assembly has been an improvement over the Senate because they were not here when the Senate functioned.
 - 61% of the current Assembly said that the Assembly has been more effective than the Senate.
 - 4 of the 58 who responded said that the Assembly has been ineffective.

In a PowerPoint presentation other statistical results were shared with the Assembly

A Motion was presented to send the evaluation results to the President today, with the request that she share it with the Board of Trustees, if she so wishes. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously in a voice vote with no abstentions.

5. **Future Plans.** Sister Johnelle proposed that four members of the Executive Committee meet with the President in July to review the evaluations of the Assembly and administrators. There were no objections. Sister Johnelle suggested that faculty should have discussions with one another about ideas for the Assembly's future projects and make proposals in the form of Motions. There proposals on what the Assembly should do next would be sent to the Executive Committee for placement on the agenda.

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6. **Election.** Mary Montminy-Dana, Chair of the Elections Committee, conducted the election of the Speaker.

There was a suggestion from the floor that nominees, before the election, should address the Assembly on their plans for the Assembly and how they view their role. The following points were made against the proposal: The Speaker is a facilitator who does not act outside the will of the Assembly. S/he represents the Assembly as a whole, not a faction or his/her own opinions. The Speaker has no authority to deliver on any personal platform.

Jay Lacouture and Paula Martasian accepted nomination. Jay Lacouture was elected in a paper ballot with 35 votes. Paula Martasian received 19 votes.

Mary Montminy-Dana thanked Sister Johnelle for her service as Speaker.

The new Speaker spoke to the Assembly and expressed his thanks before adjourning the meeting.