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SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting of October 6th, 2006 Ochre Court State Dining Room

John Quinn, Vice-Chair of the Executive Assembly, presided.

1. **Call to Order and Minutes.** The meeting was called to order at 1.08 p.m. The minutes of the May meeting were approved by Unanimous Consent.
2. **Welcome to New Faculty Members.** New members of the Faculty were introduced and welcomed to the Faculty Assembly.
3. **Announcement of Executive Committee Officers.** John Quinn introduced the officers of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly. They are: John Quinn, Vice-Chair; James Garman, Secretary; and Lisa Zuccarelli, Treasurer.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Lisa Zuccarelli reported a balance of approximately \$941 in the Assembly's account. For AY 2006-7, dues will rise to \$40.00 *per annum*. Requests for dues will be sent out shortly.
5. **Committee Reports.**

Lois Eveleth explained the purpose of the **FACSB** (Faculty Advisory Committee on Salary and Benefits) and requested volunteers to serve on the committee. She indicated that the committee is exploring reviving Salve's long-dormant chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

On behalf of Lynne McVey, Brian McCadden made a brief presentation concerning plans for the development of a **Center for Teaching Excellence**. The committee received 50 responses to a survey conducted last spring assessing faculty priorities for the proposed center. The committee has forwarded the results of the survey to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and will be meeting with him shortly to discuss the next steps.

Dean de la Motte, as Chair of the **Faculty Responsibilities Committee**, noted that the committee had met earlier that day to define the steps necessary to generate a recommendation concerning workload and to establish a timeline for making this recommendation. Two or three sessions will be scheduled to permit additional feedback from faculty on the models generated last year. The committee proposes to make a recommendation to the President in January 2007, with implementation projected for the Fall of 2008.

6. **Request for Volunteers.** John Quinn announced that volunteers were needed to serve on the Faculty Assembly's committees, including **FACSB**, the **Social Committee**, the **Grievance Committee**, the *ad hoc* Committee assessing the need for a **Dean of Faculty**, and the **Sunshine Committee**. Sign-up sheets were made available for those interested.
7. **Update on Salve's Connection to Father D'Agostino's Mission.** Tony LoPresti provided a brief update on Salve Regina's relationship with Father D'Agostino's mission, noting that an unofficial committee is working diligently to define ways in which the relationship between

the two institutions can be mutually beneficial. Those who may wish to become involved with the project are urged to contact Tony, as unofficial co-coordinator of this effort.

8. **Disposition of Two Religious Studies Courses Endorsed for Inclusion in the Core.** At the May Meeting the Faculty Assembly endorsed two Religious Studies courses for inclusion in the Core Curriculum. John Quinn reported that the President has decided to refrain from including them in the Core Curriculum at this time.
9. **Laptop Help.** John Quinn, on behalf of Ty Brennan, reported that assistance is available for those experiencing challenges with their new laptops. Faculty are urged to call x 7777 or x 2985 to report any difficulties. Additional laptop training sessions will be scheduled as time and desires allow.

NEW BUSINESS

10. **Motion: Selection of Valedictorian.** Art Frankel introduced a preliminary motion to change the way in which the valedictorian of the graduating class is selected. Extensive discussion ensued. The motion was continued for further refinement and discussion.
11. **Motion: Faculty Recognition Award.** Art Frankel introduced a second motion to change the way in which the Faculty Recognition Award is made. Once again, extensive discussion ensued. Ron Atkins requested that the Executive Committee ask a representative from Student Life to explain exactly how the award winner is selected. The motion was continued for further refinement and discussion.
12. **Call for Topics.** John Quinn asked for suggestions of topics for the Faculty Assembly to explore this year. Members of the Assembly are urged to contact members of the Executive Committee with their suggestions. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is Wednesday, October 25th.

Jay Lacouture offered a welcome to Dean de la Motte, Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2.30 p.m.