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SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting of December 1, 2006

O'Hare 260

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 November meeting were not distributed prior to the meeting. They were accordingly held over for the January meeting of the Assembly
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli as Treasurer reported that 46 faculty have paid their dues. The balance in the Assembly's account is \$2,411.18. Reminders will be issued soon.
3. **Announcement: Letter from Dr. Stephen Trainor.** The Speaker read a letter from Dr. Stephen Trainor, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, thanking members of the Assembly for their supportive letters and messages in the wake of Nell Trainor's recent accident. Mrs. Trainor is home now and recovering well.
4. **Announcement: Memorial for Father D'Agostino.** Tony LoPresti made brief remarks concerning the death of Father Angelo D'Agostino, the founder of the Nyumbani orphanage in Nairobi. A memorial Mass was scheduled for 16 December 2006 in North Providence. Those wishing further information about Salve Regina University's ongoing relationship with Nyumbani are urged to contact Dr. LoPresti.
5. **Update: Sister Therese Antone, President,** provided an update on the Conference for Mercy Higher Education. The Conference now serves as the Corporate Member for Salve Regina University. This required changes to the University's by-laws and charter which do not affect the day to day governance of the institution. The President also announced a meeting to be held on campus for faculty and supervisory staff on 26 January. At the meeting members of the senior administration will provide an overview of the past academic year and future plans. Sister Therese informed the faculty that The Honorable Richard Holbrook, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, will be the 2007 Commencement speaker and that planning is underway to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the University.
6. **Committee Reports.**

Jay Lacouture representing an *ad hoc* **Committee to Research a Dean of Faculty**, reported on the committee's exploration of the history of the Dean of Faculty position at Salve Regina University. He also explained some of the committee's thoughts on the position, and what the principal duties would entail. The committee will be making a recommendation to the Faculty Assembly early next semester.

Lois Eveleth, representing the **FACSB**, announced that the committee is exploring factors on the list of schools used as a comparison to salaries at Salve Regina, including workload, method of computing workload, and length of the contractual year. She also addressed other factors discussed by the committee, including matters of whether the University is "family-

friendly,” whether the tenure clock may be paused, and the new proposed AAUP policy on part-time appointments.

7. **Update: Faculty Recognition Award.** Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli presented a brief overview of the way in which polling is conducted for the Faculty Recognition Award.
8. **Update: Selection of Valedictorian.** James Garman presented a summary of the way in which the Valedictorian is selected and notified. An *ad hoc committee* of volunteers will be constituted to consider some of the unusual aspects of the selection process, including the requirement of only 64 credits in residence at Salve Regina University.
9. **Motion: Holistic Counseling.** Peter Mullen presented a motion for a new certificate in Holistic Systems Leadership Program for the second time. Some discussion ensued concerning the relationship of the proposed concentration to the existing program. A vote was taken and the motion to recommend the program succeeded, 56 votes FOR, 5 votes AGAINST, 6 votes to abstain.
10. **Presentation: Two New CHP Courses.** James Garman, as Chair of the Cultural and Historic Preservation Department, presented two new courses to the Assembly for informational purposes only. The courses are presently under consideration by the Undergraduate Council.
11. **Motion: Change to the Core Curriculum: Visual and Performing Arts.** Sr. Marialyn Riley presented a motion, approved by the Departments of Art, Music, and Theater, to drop the requirement that a major from one of those departments take a course from *outside* his or her own department to fulfill the Core Requirement. The respective departments have already approved this change. A vote will be taken on the motion at the January meeting.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2.50 p.m.