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SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting of November 7, 2003

Johnelle Luciani RSM, Speaker of the Assembly, presided.

1. Announcements

John Quinn (History) invited faculty to a faculty retreat at St. James on the Sakonnet, from January 14-15. Three members of the faculty who had attended the weeklong summer institute sponsored by the Collegium will share their experience with those who attend the retreat. The Collegium is an organization that helps faculty at Catholic colleges and universities articulate and expand the vision of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Judith Keenan, Social Committee, spoke about social events that are being planned.

Johnelle Luciani, RSM announced that local agencies have asked for support. Child and Family Services requests mittens for the children of Aquidneck Island. In addition, winter coats are needed for the Seventh Annual Buy Nothing Day Coat Exchange (Friday, November 28) that will take place on the State House lawn. The Martin Luther King Center is in the middle of a food drive.

2. Call to Order and Minutes. The meeting was called to order at 1:13 PM. The Minutes of the October 3 Meeting were presented for approval. The University President offered a clarification of a comment made from the floor and recorded in the October 3 Minutes (Item 7). The comment was, “The University has adopted a no-growth policy in enrollment . . .” The President noted that the University may have reached its planned undergraduate enrollment goals for the campus but this in no way implies any limit on growth for satellite campuses and graduate programs.

The member of the faculty who had been quoted in the Minutes agreed that there was a better wording for the paraphrase of his remarks: “The University has reached its undergraduate enrollment goals for on-campus undergraduate programs . . .” It was agreed that this wording should appear in the approved Minutes.

The Minutes of the October 3 meeting, with the revised wording in Item 7, were approved by Unanimous Consent.

3. Treasurer. There is $974.99 in the Assembly’s account. $1,080 in checks will be deposited bringing the total to $2054.99. Thirty-eight faculty have paid dues – about a third of the faculty.

4. Politics Department. Rosamund Ethier, RSM of the Politics Department presented the following Motion in accordance with the Assembly’s Protocol:

   Motion: The Faculty Assembly endorses the Politics Department’s proposal for a Legal Studies and Government Minor.
The Motion was seconded. After a lengthy debate, a vote was taken. The results of a paper ballot were YES 20, NO 45, ABSTAIN 9. The Motion failed.

5. **Core Curriculum Advisory Committee.** Jane Bethune, on behalf of the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee, presented the following Motion in accordance with the Assembly’s Protocol:

**Motion:** That the Salve Regina University Core Curriculum be offered in the Degree Completion Program in the following format:

**Common Core**

- Portal Course 4 cr.
- Literature 4
- Religious Studies 4
- Philosophy 4
- Capstone Course 4

**Core Complement**

- 1 Visual and Performing Arts 4 cr.
- 1 Science 4
- 2 Social Science 8
- 1 Mathematics 4
- 1 Foreign Language 4
- 1 Religious Studies 4

**TOTAL** 48 Cr.

The Motion was seconded. After a lengthy debate, a vote was taken. The results of a paper ballot were YES 25, NO 37, ABSTAIN 9. The Motion failed.

The Chair called for an intermission at 2:24 PM.

6. **Executive Session.** The meeting continued as an informal discussion conducted by the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Salary and Benefits. Discussion ended at 3:15 PM.