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SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting of January 31, 2008 Ochre Court State Dining Room

1. The meeting was convened by speaker Carol Gibbons at 2:40. A quorum was reached with 63 faculty members in attendance.
2. Minutes of December meeting: The minutes were accepted as written.
3. Treasurer's report: Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli is out due to illness and therefore not able to give a treasurer's report.
4. Announcements:
 - a. Three member of the Salve Regina community have successfully defended their dissertations. Those members, Laura McPhie-Oliveira, Jayme Hennessy and Arlene Nicholas were congratulated on their success and received flowers from the faculty.
 - b. Results from the faculty development survey were shared. Information about available funds and the method for accessing those funds can be found in the faculty manual.
 - c. Mark Hough, interim director, announced that the graduate program in Healthcare Administration has been renamed to Health Care Administration and Management which reflects a more contemporary understanding of the degree.
 - d. The curriculum reform committee has been meeting.
 - e. Dr. Trainor announced that the drop/add period has been extended by one day due to a technological problem.
5. Overview of athletic programs: Del Malloy gave an overview of athletic programs and new initiatives. He discussed the ways in which criteria for being a division I athletic program fits with the University mission. He mentioned that 22% of the student body is involved in intercollegiate sports, the importance of faculty mentoring to overall student development and success, and an upcoming luncheon to honor junior and senior athletes/scholars. He underscored the importance of academics and appreciated the efforts to work to eliminate as many class conflicts as possible.
6. Motion: A motion was read from the core curriculum advisory committee regarding caps on the number of core complement courses. There was much discussion about the motion. Some points raised included: the rationale for the limit on courses, the need to count 2 semesters of the same language course as one, the benefit to students, the growth of core complement courses, determining

how long a course stays a core complement, competition between departments on choosing courses, and quality control of courses. It was decided that the proposal would be recommitted to the core curriculum advisory committee for consideration of the comments. Dean de la Motte suggested that the issues raised in the faculty assembly meeting be summarized and sent to Sr Therese. The Speaker stated that she would ask representatives of the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee, Dr. Trainor, and Dr. de la Motte to meet with the Executive Committee in order to process the discussion and give direction to a new/revised proposal.

7. Staff Termination Policy: Since the time was late, it was agreed that this matter would be put off until the next meeting.
8. A winter social followed the meeting.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Montminy-Danna