

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FACULTY MEETING

Friday, 27 May 2005

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by President Simmons.

The minutes of the May 3, 2005 Faculty Meeting were approved. A minor editorial correction will be made to the original of those minutes

Prof. Bossy, as Chair of the FEC, explained that at the April 5, 2005 Faculty Meeting the Faculty voted to reinstate the Committee on Nominations and to remove from the FEC the authority for making nominations to most other committees. The Committee on Nominations has not yet been elected. Several Committees have quorum requirements. The FEC has therefore decided to ask faculty members due to step down from committees to extend their service until their replacements are elected next fall. Prof Bossy then presented the following motion:

This Faculty approves the extension of the terms of service of those Faculty members about to rotate off of our committees until such time as their replacements have been nominated and voted upon by the Faculty in the Fall and this Faculty expresses its gratitude for their willingness to do so in supporting Faculty business so that it will not be interrupted.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Prof. Bossy made a second motion that the following faculty officers continue in their respective positions for another year: Secretary—Prof. Hazeltine, Parliamentarian—Prof. Richardson, Chair of the Faculty Forum—Prof. Banchoff. This motion was also seconded and passed on a voice vote

Dean Stephen Smith of the Medical School presented the List of 73 Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then put forward the following Motion: "Madam President, I move that candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine, as listed, but subject to possible corrections for clerical errors, be recommended to the Board of Fellows for their respective degrees; and that the Dean be left with the power to withhold the diplomas of any students who fail to meet their required obligations to the University, until such time as these obligations have been met." This Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

Dean of the College Paul Armstrong then presented the relevant Lists of Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees. Dean Armstrong directed the Faculty's attention to the Registrar's Lists of candidates for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and both Bachelor of Arts and Science, as well as Academic Honors in Special Fields, noting that this year there were 1202 Candidates for the A.B. degree, 287 candidates for the Sc.B. degree, and 10 candidates for the combined degrees—a total of 1499. The corresponding numbers last year were 1221 A.B.s, 260 Sc.B.s, and 9 combined degrees, for a total of 1490. The number receiving the Magna Cum Laude Distinction was 294, corresponding to a percentage of 19.5—the percentage last year was 20.0. The number of grades of A or “High Distinction” required for Magna was 17. Honors in the Field of Concentration were received by 401 students (26.8%), compared to 27.2 % last year.

Dean Armstrong noted that two members of the class were receiving their degrees posthumously: Lawrence William Rubida and Denise Dongjoo Suh. He asked the Faculty for any corrections to or omissions from these Lists. Together with the Registrar and the staff of that Office, all such questions from the floor, extending across a fifteen-minute or so period, were answered to the satisfaction of the Faculty. The Registrar noted that a grade had just been received for Simon Ki Hong and he will graduate Magna Cum Laude. When no further questions were forthcoming, Dean Armstrong then put forward the Motion: "I move that candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees from the College—as listed, but subject to possible corrections for clerical errors—be recommended to the Board of Fellows for their respective degrees, and that the Dean of the College be left with the power to withhold the diplomas of any students who fail to meet their required financial obligations to the University, until such time as these obligations have been met, or until the completion of any University processes that may be initiated for alleged student academic code or non-academic conduct violations, including the completion of all sanctions imposed, if any." This Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

Dean Armstrong next presented the list of students recommended for Degrees with Distinction and put forward the Motion: "I move that the Registrar be authorized to add the proper designation of Degrees with Distinction to the diplomas of the appropriate candidates." This Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

Dean Armstrong continued with the awarding of degrees. He presented the Registrar's List of candidates for Degrees with Honors in Concentration. He then put forward the Motion: "Madam President, I move that the Registrar be instructed to add the proper designation of Honors in the Field of Concentration to the diplomas of the appropriate candidates." This Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

Finally, the Dean of the Graduate School, Karen Newman, presented the List of Candidates for Advanced Degrees. This combined List of Masters and Ph.D. degrees represented 480 Candidates. After a clarification resulting from the change in name of a degree program, Dean Newman put forward the following Motion: "Madam President, I move that candidates for advanced degrees from the Graduate School, as listed, but subject to possible corrections for clerical errors, be recommended to the Board of Fellows for their respective degrees; and that the Dean of the Graduate School be left with the power to withhold the diplomas of any students who fail to meet financial obligations to the University within prescribed time limits, the issuance of such diplomas at a later date to be at her discretion." This Motion was seconded, and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Barrett Hazeltine
Secretary of the Faculty