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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY MEETING

13 September 2004

Presiding: Gregory Farrington (Sinclair Auditorium)

President Farrington called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the May 3, 2004 faculty meeting were APPROVED.

2. New Faculty Introductions. Provost Ron Yoshida announced that 32 new faculty have arrived on campus this fall, and that a booklet profiling those new faculty will be released in a few weeks. In the interim, he called on the four academic deans to introduce the new faculty present at the meeting. Following introductions by deans Anne Meltzer (CAS), Dick Durand (CBE), Mohammed el-Aasser (RCEAS) and Professor Gary Lutz (on behalf of Sally White - College of Education), the new faculty were given a round of applause.

3. Elections. Professor Kathleen Olson, on behalf of the Nominations Committee, called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she proceeded to distribute paper ballots and conduct the election of faculty committee positions.

4. Committee Report. Professor Alwyn Eades, on behalf of the Faculty Steering Committee, identified the issues coming to the faculty from the FSC this year. Several task forces have been operating for several years and Professor Eades encouraged the faculty to let their opinions be known. The first issue to come forward will be a report on governance through the task force led by Professor Barbara Traister.

5. Committee Motion. Professor Ed Kay, on behalf of the Educational Policy Committee MOVED a proposal for Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science participation in the Eckhardt Scholar Program (see Attachment 1). The motion was SECONDED.

Professor Kay noted that there was a procedure in place to select students from the RCEAS, and that including RCEAS in the Eckhardt Scholar Program would not reduce the number of scholars selected from the other colleges.

The motion PASSED.
6. **Unfinished Business.** None.

7. **Capital Campaign Update.** Vice President Bonnie Devlin provided a progress report on the university's capital campaign (see Attachment 2). The campaign will be officially launched on October 15 with a goal of raising $500 million over the next five years.

At the conclusion of her report, the Vice President Devlin was given a round of applause.

President Farrington noted that the capital campaign involves an enormous amount of work, but the goal of $500 million over five years is achievable.

8. **Faculty Compensation Committee.** Professor Frank Gunter, on behalf of the Faculty Compensation Committee, gave a brief presentation. He observed that FCC requests additional data on departmental salary comparisons.

President Farrington invited Professor Gunter and the FCC to meet with Vice President Peggy Plympton and Vice Provost Steve Devlin to look at additional data. The president viewed this as a useful exercise.

9. **President's Report.** President Farrington invited the faculty to join him next Tuesday at Zoellner Arts Center for the president's State of the University address.

10. **Provost's Report.** Provost Yoshida stated that, in light of the USA Patriot Act resolution passed by the faculty in May, he will issue a report at the final faculty meeting each semester on the number of students whose visas were rejected, and on any faculty publications that were suppressed. He also noted that precautions regarding issues raised by the resolution are being implemented.

The provost announced that 28 faculty searches are underway. He also spoke at length about the implementation of the trustees' report on Greek life. He emphasized that Greek life must be a viable and healthy option for Lehigh students, but that the university must be forward looking with respect to campus social life. There remain issues of gender, and alcohol and drug abuse.

President Farrington reiterated his charge to Greek houses - be great or be gone. Implementation of the report will occur this year and next.
The president also introduced several key members of the administration:

Peggy Plympton  Vice President, Finance and Administration
Bonnie Devlin  Vice President, Advancement
Mark Erickson  Vice President, Government Relations
Steve Devlin  Vice Provost, Institutional Research
Bruce Taggart  Vice Provost, Library and Technology Services

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:15 PM

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Motion:

The University Educational Policy Committee moves the following proposal for Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science (RCEAS) participation in the Eckardt Scholar program. The details are as follows [with RCEAS-specific information in italics and brackets]:

Mission

The principal mission of the Roy Eckardt University Scholar Program is to produce enlightened, responsible citizens who embody the highest standards of intellectual and professional achievement. It offers a unique educational experience that enables outstanding students in all three colleges to reach their fullest potential. A secondary objective is to attract and nurture likely candidates for post-graduate awards. In pursuit of these goals, the program seeks to create a community of people who engage in enriching extra-curricular pursuits, accept difficult academic challenges, and share a commitment to scholarship and to each other.

Major Program Characteristics

1. Students devise individualized course of study and engage in scholarly work of an advanced nature. [RCEAS students will still be required to complete all the requirements for their major.]

2. All students are required to complete the total number of credits required for his or her degree.

3. They are released from distribution requirements and, if necessary, modifications may be made in major requirements. [No such modifications will be made for RCEAS students.]

4. Responsibility for the student’s overall program lies with the (College Scholars) Program Director.

5. In the final two years, the student receives up to twelve credits for individual work with a faculty member, leading to a senior project of substantial dimensions. [For some RCEAS majors, this project can replace the major requirement of a senior project.]

6. College Scholars are expected to enroll and participate in at least two College Scholar Seminars. [Created and run by the Program Director, Ian Duffy, such courses have a "great books" format, emphasizing the interdisciplinary nature of the texts. The seminars can be used to satisfy HSS requirements.]

7. In addition to the academic privileges of the program, College Scholars are offered a variety of extra-curricular opportunities. These include invitations to visiting speakers, dinners, plays, musicals, operas, and other cultural events.

[Initially, enrollment of RCEAS students will be limited to five per class]

Rationale: The benefits of the Eckardt Scholar program were originally restricted to Arts and Sciences students. The College of Business and Economics has joined the program. If RCEAS joins the program it will become a university-wide program.