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**Minutes of the Meeting
Arts and Sciences Faculty
April 20, 2006**

Members Present: V. Aggarwal, B. Allen, M. Anderson, G. Barreneche, P. Bernal, G. Biery-Hamilton, A. Blumenthal, A. Boguslawski, R. Bommelje, E. Bouris, W. Brandon, A. Carpan, R. Carson, R. Casey, J. Cavanaugh, J. Chambliss, D. Charles, G. Child, T. Cook, D. Crozier, D. Cummings, M. D'Amato, J. Davison, K. Dennis, R. Diaz-Zambrana, J. Eck, H. Edge, L. Eng-Wilmot, M. Fetscherin, Y. Greenberg, D. Griffin, M. Gunter, D. Hargrove, F. Harper, P. Harris, S. Hewitt, A. Homrich, J. Houston, G. Howell, R. James, J. Johnson, S. Klemann, M. Kovarik, S. Lackman, T. Lairson, P. Lancaster, B. Levis, L. Lines, D. Mays, C. McInnis-Bowers, C. McInnis-Bowers, M. McLaren, A. Moe, T. Moore, R. Musgrave, R. Newcomb, M. Newman, A. Nordstrom, J. Queen, R. Ray, D. Richard, D. Rogers, J. Schmalstig, M. Shafe, J. Shivamoggi, R. Simmons, J. Small, B. Smither, P. Stephenson, B. Stephenson, D. Stoub, K. Sutherland, B. Svitavsky, L. Tavernier-Almada, K. Taylor, M. Throumoulos, R. Vitray, D. Wellman, G. Williams, Y. Yusheng, J. Yellen, W. Zhang

Guests:

Sharon Carrier
Sherry Fisher
Sharon Agee
Cat McConnell

I. Call to Order: T. Cook called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the March 23, 2006, meeting were approved with corrections.

III. Announcements:

T. Cook introduced D. Griffin who read a resolution (Enclosure 1) from the faculty of Rollins College honoring Patricia Lancaster for her 36 years of outstanding service as a faculty member and administrator, most recently as Provost. The Rollins College faculty declared today, April 20, 2006, to be Provost Patricia Lancaster Day at Rollins. P. Lancaster expressed her appreciation and especially to D. Griffin for holding the Rollins torch of quality high for so many years.

T. Cook introduced Dean Casey who stated that, in the Darden Lounge, there is a list of all of the graduates of the College, and current students, who have held prestigious national and post graduate fellowship and scholarship awards. R. Casey acknowledged the remarkable and noteworthy achievements of three students who will be added to the list. The following students were introduced:

Cherie Ramirez won the prestigious Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship.

Shellie Ponce was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarship for study in Germany.

Tyler Kartzinel was awarded the Morris K. Udall Scholarship. Tyler is the only student attending a Florida college or university to be awarded a Udall Scholarship this year.

Additionally, Dr. Jayashree Shivamoggi was honored for her outstanding work with the students.

President Duncan announced that Sister Ann Kendrick was chosen to be the commencement speaker this year for the Arts & Sciences. Sister Ann is the Co-founder of The Office for Farm worker Ministry in Apopka. She and Sisters Cathy Gorman, Gail Grimes and Teresa McElwee will receive honorary degrees. Also receiving honorary doctorates are: Frank Barker '52, immediate past chairman of the Rollins College board of Trustees; Dr. Jack C. Lane, Wendell Professor Emeritus of American History and the College historian, and Dr. A. Arnold Wettstein, Dean Emeritus of the Knowles Memorial Chapel and Professor Emeritus of Religion.

T. Cook announced that Simon Deng, Former Sudanese Slave, Human Rights Activist will be speaking next Wednesday evening, April 26, 2006 in the Bush Auditorium.

T. Cook commended R. Bommelje for his work as Secretary/Vice President of the Faculty this year. T. Cook also indicated that the Vice President's position will be open next year and encouraged faculty members to nominate themselves or a colleague to fill the post.

T. Cook recognized M. Anderson who announced that the Committee for Curricular Change will be established and a request for applications for the committee will be forthcoming. The committee will consist of 5-7 faculty members who will oversee the curricular review process. The full faculty will be viewed as a large committee and the organizing committee will serve as chair of the large committee. The primary role of the committee will be to engage the full community at every step of the entire process so that everyone feels ownership.

IV. New Business:

T. Cook began the meeting with elections for the standing committees. The first election was for the **Academic Affairs Committee** in which there are three candidates for one opening. T. Cook asked each of the candidates to stand and be recognized: Sharon Carnahan, David Richard and Jim Small

T. Cook asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made to close the nominations and this was confirmed by voice vote.

Written ballots were distributed and **Sharon Carnahan was elected.**

The second election was for the **Finance & Service Committee** in which there are five candidates for three openings. T. Cook asked each of the candidates to stand and be recognized: Sue Easton, Rachel Newcomb, Marc Sardy, Mary Throumoulis, and Rick Vitray

T. Cook asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made to close the nominations and this was confirmed by voice vote.

Written ballots were distributed and **Rachel Newcomb, Marc Sardy, and Rick Vitray were elected.**

The third election was for the **Student Life Committee** in which there are four candidates for three openings. T. Cook asked each of the candidates to stand and be recognized: Julian Chambliss, Kim Dennis, Madeline Kovarik, and Anca Voicu.

T. Cook asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made to close the nominations and this was confirmed by voice vote.

Written ballots were distributed and **Julian Chambliss, Kim Dennis, and Madeline Kovarik were elected.**

The fourth election was for the **Professional Standards Committee** in which there are two candidates, **Wendy Brandon** and **Alicia Homrich**, for two openings. T. Cook asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made to close the nominations, which was confirmed. T. Cook made a motion to endorse the two candidates by acclamation. This was confirmed by a unanimous voice vote.

Interim Dean of the Faculty

T. Cook reviewed that the faculty called for a national search for a dean of the Faculty and that there be an Interim Dean to serve for one year during the search. The Administration and Executive Committee met and were fortunate to secure the agreement of Hoyt Edge to serve as the Interim Dean, with the approval and endorsement of the faculty.

T. Cook brought forth a motion that the faculty approve and endorse the appointment of Hoyt Edge to serve as Interim Dean of the Faculty beginning June 1, 2006.

With no discussion, the question was called.

The motion of approving Hoyt Edge as Interim Dean of the Faculty passed unanimously by voice vote.

Faculty Evaluation Committee

T. Cook stated the Executive Committee is charged by the By-Laws of assembling a slate of candidates for appointment to the Faculty Evaluation Committee. Rotating off of the FEC are John Houston and Maurice O'Sullivan. Presently serving on the committee are Ed LeRoy, Al Moe, Judy Schmalstig, and Bob Moore. Returning from sabbatical leave to the committee is Rick Fogelsong. The Executive Committee presents for the faculty's approval the appointment of Twila Papay.

With no discussion, the question was called.

The motion of appointing Twila Papay to the FEC passed unanimously by voice vote.

Search Committee for Dean of the Faculty

T. Cook stated that the Executive Committee was called upon by President Duncan to oversee the search process for the Dean of the Faculty. It was determined that the committee would consist of four faculty members, one staff member and one student.

The Executive Committee presents for faculty approval the following four faculty members to serve on the search committee: Lee Lines (Chair), Susan Libby, Tom Lairson, and Rosana Diaz-Zambrana. Karen Hater is to be appointed as staff person. In the absence of discussion, the question was called.

The motion of appointing the four faculty members of Lee Lines (Chair), Susan Libby, Tom Lairson, and Rosana Diaz-Zambrana to the search committee for the Dean of the Faculty passed unanimously by voice vote.

Guiding Commitments for the Rollins Experience

T. Cook recognized Provost Lancaster who presented the four-point version of the Guiding Commitments for the Rollins Experience (Enclosure 2). P. Lancaster stated that

the strategic plan is similar in nature to organizing a course. The guiding commitments and four points provide the focus for guiding decision making. P. Lancaster reviewed the strategic planning process that included faculty, staff and students. Multiple task forces were formed and a large number of faculty members were involved in the process. The board of trustees adopted a new mission statement. The Quality Enhancement Plan was adapted from several threads in the strategic plan. In 2005, with the SACS visit, the quality enhancement plan was approved. P. Lancaster reviewed the Guiding Commitments, the four integrating points, and identified several connected, ongoing and future initiatives.

P. Lancaster is seeking endorsement for the document P. Lancaster sought comments; however pointed out that word changes will not be viewed as friendly amendments since the current document is the work of so many. She also encouraged the faculty to read Ryan Musgrave's email to the faculty dated 4/19/06 on what constitutes a pragmatic liberal education.

A motion was made and seconded and the floor was opened for discussion on adopting the document. J. Yellen clarified his email sent to the faculty on the subject dated 4/19/06 in which he expressed concern for the word pragmatic. P. Lancaster pointed out that the guiding commitments will vary from time to time and this is an evolving document.

The Guiding Commitments and four points were displayed on a power point slide.

C. McInnis-Bowers expressed support for the document and shared her experiences at Birmingham-Southern College, a sister institution, in which she emulated the Rollins faculty initiatives, especially in terms of fostering a pragmatic liberal education. She pointed out that she is proud to be at Rollins and that we are pragmatic.

R. Musgrave shared her support for the document and reminded the faculty of the rich history at Rollins in which John Dewey visited the institution and how the College took many cues from him about pragmatic education. R. Musgrave encouraged the faculty to adopt the document and to also raise the awareness of the historical implications of pragmatic education.

J. Davidson expressed a problem with the suggestion that the listed initiative would fulfill her notions of diversity

P. Lancaster stated that there is a whole section on diversity in the Quality Enhancement Plan.

The question was called and seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote for calling the question.

The motion of adopting the Guiding Commitments of the Rollins Experience passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. Next Faculty Meeting

T. Cook announced that the next faculty meeting will be held on Wed., May 3, 2006 at 12:00 PM in the Galloway Room.

VI. Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn and the motion was passed at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Bommelje

Resolution from the Faculty of Rollins College
Honoring Patricia Lancaster

WHEREAS, Patricia Lancaster, a bright-eyed assistant professor with a Ph.D. fresh from Emory, joined the Rollins College faculty in 1970, during the presidency of Jack Critchfield; and

WHEREAS, her excellence as a teacher of French and of the Humanities Foundation courses was quickly recognized and honored with an Arthur Vining Davis Teaching Award; and

WHEREAS, her professional career took one of life's interesting turns during the presidency of Thad Seymour, when she accepted the position first of Associate Dean of the Faculty and then of Director of International Programs, little knowing how often in the future she would be called upon to accept similar, but escalating, challenges; and

WHEREAS, during that time she also demonstrated, on a national level, the depth of her commitment to international education, by helping to found the Australian Studies Association of North America and by contributing significantly to the American Association of Australian Literary Study; and

WHEREAS, when President Rita Bornstein turned to Patricia, asking that she accept the Deanship of the Rollins Brevard Campus and later of the Hamilton Holt School, Patricia once more responded to the call from the College she had served so variously, this time focusing on developing innovative academic offerings for non-traditional students; fostering a sense of community and pride among those students; and developing imaginative and "star-studded" fund-raisers to provide scholarship support for those programs; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Patricia agreed to President Lewis Duncan's request that she accept the position of Provost and Academic Vice President, from which office she has, for the past two years, guided the College faithfully, with the steady hand and graciousness of a good steward; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-six years, while four presidents have gone and come at Rollins, Patricia Lancaster has remained, a go-to person; a calm voice; a reliable hand--ready to steer or to bail water; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the faculty of Rollins College express their deep gratitude for all that Patricia has contributed to Rollins College; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rollins College faculty declare today, April 20, 2006, to be Provost Patricia Lancaster Day at Rollins.

Enclosure 2

ROLLINS COLLEGE

March 30, 2006

THE ROLLINS EXPERIENCE: GUIDING COMMITMENTS

Rollins is a laboratory for pragmatic liberal education where students, faculty, and staff engage in active learning that leads to transformative experiences.

The Rollins Experience will integrate:

a diverse community of learners committed to intellectual values, scholarship, and integrity;

an institutional culture that embraces local and global citizenship and leadership;

a campus environment that contributes to students' intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and moral development and well-being;

an innovative, supportive work environment in which faculty, staff, and students learn and grow.

THE ROLLINS EXPERIENCE: INITIATIVES

A diverse community of learners committed to intellectual values, scholarship, and integrity

Initiatives in progress

- **Cornell Scholars program to attract highly qualified students**
- **Cornell Distinguished Faculty Scholars**
- **Provisional Institutional Review Board**

Future initiatives

- **The Rollins Colloquy**
- **Curriculum revision in A&S**
- **Higher admission standards for Holt School**
- **Program to attract distinguished scholars to spend sabbatical leaves at Rollins**

An institutional culture that embraces local and global citizenship and leadership

Initiatives in progress

- **Internationalization through travel grants for faculty, students, key staff**
- **Enhancement of education for leadership and citizenship in all programs**
- **Diversity training: Faculty “Common Vision” group**
- **Study of retention issues**
- **Community Engagement programs**

Future initiatives

- **Restructuring International Programs office**
- **Development of study centers abroad; Rollins China Center**
- **Implementation of Academic Honor Code**
- **Strategies to improve retention**

A campus environment that contributes to students’ intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and moral development and well-being

Initiatives in progress

- **National Peer Review of Residential Life**
- **Review of Health and Wellness requirement**

Future Initiatives

- **Social Honor Code**
- **Strategies to improve residential life**

An innovative, supportive work environment in which faculty, staff, and students learn and grow

Initiatives in progress

- **New high-tech classroom**

- **National Peer Review of Information Technology**
- **Leadership programs for staff**

Future Initiatives