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**Minutes of the Meeting
Arts and Sciences Faculty
December 8, 2004**

Members Present: M. Anderson; A. Armenia; P. Bernal; G. Biery-Hamilton; E. Blossy; A. Blumenthal; W. Boles; D. Boniface; W. Brandon; J. Burris; A. Carpan; B. Carson; R. Carson; J. Chambliss; D. Charles; M. Cheng; G. Child; D. Cohen; E. Cohen; G. Cook; T. Cook; R. Cowan; D. Crozier; D. Cummings; J. Davison; N. Decker; L. Duncan; H. Edge; L. Eng-Wilmot; R. Foglesong; J. Gorman; E. Gottlieb; Y. Greenberg; D. Griffin; M. Gunter; D. Hargrove; J. Henton; J. Hewit; J. Houston; G. Howell; C. Hudspeth; J. Johnson; J. Jones; D. Y. Jones; S. Lackman; P. Lancaster; C. Lauer; L. Laws; E. LeRoy; S. Libby; D. Mays; E. McClellan; M. McLaren; G. Meyers; H. Miranda; A. Moe; R. Moore; T. Moore; R. Musgrave; S. Neilson; R. Newcomb; M. Newman; K. Norsworthy; T. Papay; S. Phelan; J. Puhalla; J. Queen; P. Roach; C. Rock; S. Rubarth; M. Ruiz; J. Shivamoggi; R. Simmons; G. Sinclair; J. Sinclair; R. Smither; R. Stephenson; K. Taylor; M. Throumoulos; L. Tillman-Healy; G. Valiante; R. Vitray; D. Wellman; G. Williams; Y. Yao; J. Yellen; W. Zhang.

Guests: S. Carrier; L. Lloyd; T. Holbrook

I. Call to Order: Yehudit Greenberg called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the November 18, 2004, meeting were approved as presented.

III. Announcements:

A. Cornell Distinguished Faculty Awards (Lewis Duncan): President Duncan read the outlines of the award. After carefully evaluating the materials submitted by the nominees and after extensive deliberations, the Committees recommended three recipients for this award to the President, and President Duncan thanked the committee warmly. The winners are Thomas R. Moore, Kathryn L. Norsworthy, Kenna C. Taylor; their qualifications and credentials were read upon their announcement. The assembled faculty enthusiastically applauded each distinguished scholar.

B. MLS Program (R. Smither): Dean Smither is soliciting professors for Masterworks courses. The 5-week program is not on load; generally it meets five times during the semester.

C. On-Line Grading (T. Holbrook): The faculty is encouraged to enter their semester grades on-line. A detailed instruction has been sent to faculty through campus mail.

D. Campus Security/Safety/Reorganization (G. Herbst): The campus is splitting the issues of safety and security. In January, Brad McKown will become director of Environmental Health and Safety, and a nation-wide search for Director of Security.

E. Update on Criminal Incident on Campus (November 17) (L. Duncan): The College is still awaiting the official police report. There have been evening walks through campus to identify lighting that needs to be replaced and upgraded. The utmost concern is the privacy of the individual involved. The police are actively investigating this incident and are awaiting forensic reports.

IV. Intellectual Property Policy (M. Newman):

Motion: The faculty of the College of Arts & Sciences does hereby endorse the Intellectual Property Policy which has been developed by the faculty and does recommend to the President of the College and the Board of Trustees the adoption of that policy.

Discussion: Newman gave a brief review of the development of the Intellectual Property Policy. Changes in the proposed policy that differed from the draft were highlighted. There was a question concerning the definition of “work for hire;” what is done as a result of a grant is not considered a work for hire. An Intellectual Property Committee will be convened by the Provost where questions to arise. The basis of the document is to encourage the research of the faculty, staff, and students.

The policy was endorsed by a unanimous voice vote.

V. New Business: There was a question about the lack of reports from Committees, particularly concerning the R and T infusion. The situation was explained, discussed, and clarified. According to Mark Anderson, representing the AAC, the T and R requirements will be gone at the end of the Spring Term 2005. The committee is currently reviewing departments’ procedures for infusing the R and the T into the major requirements offered in each department.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice-President/Secretary