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Minutes of the Meeting
Executive Committee of the Arts and Sciences
January 20, 2005

Members attending: L. Duncan, P. Lancaster, R. Casey, Y. Greenberg, S. Lackman, N. Decker, D. Griffin, P. Bernal, S. Klemann, P Neinken; Guest: Les Lloyd.

I. Call to Order: Yehudit Greenberg called the meeting to order at 12:35.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meetings of October 19, 2004, November 4, and November 16, were approved as edited.

III. Change of Meeting date from March 22. Dates will be confirmed by e-mail later.

IV. Presentation: Information Technology Master Plan (Les Lloyd). Lloyd walked the Executive Committee through a draft PowerPoint presentation. Klemann questioned Lloyd about legal ramifications of some students violating copyright through the Internet; Lloyd said this was within the purview of the Honor Code. In responding to query from Neinken, Lloyd pointed out some colleges have Napster licenses on campus, but it's a budget issue. Lloyd noted there is separation in student and faculty pipelines. Casey suggested that there be sessions for academic departments to review skills. Casey queried advantages of using NTLE more and getting more value from the consortia; the faculty is not taking advantage of these opportunities. Lloyd was not able to define cost of these programs because some of the plans for the future have not been clarified; first year cost is about \$70,000, some of which is on-going, some of which is new. There was a lively discussion on students using the Internet for legitimate, academically reputable research. There is a resolution in Academic Affairs that there be a graduation requirement in Internet capability for the students. Perhaps, Casey added, there should be a blitz for students and faculty education. This status report of the Master Plan will be presented to the faculty January 27 for questions, comments, and concerns; the model of the presentation of QEP will be used (including endorsement).

V. Professional Standards (Nancy Decker) – Amendments to Article VIII, Section 6. Decker went through the changes and rationale. There was discussion about moving the evaluation date of those applying for promotion to Professor because the FEC sometimes handles these promotion cases in the Spring; the discussion will be continued at a later meeting. The Executive Committee agrees to send this Amendment to the Faculty at the next meeting.

VI. Nominations – Greenberg reminded the faculty to consider nominees for governance for 2005-6.

VII. Plans for the next meeting were discussed. The meeting will be held February 3. The next faculty meeting is January 27, 12:30, in the Galloway Room. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cohn Lackman, Vice-President and Secretary