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Minutes of the Meeting

Executive Committee of the Arts and Sciences

October 9, 2003

Members attending: Y. Greenberg, J. Malek, R. Casey, P. Bernal, L. Eng-Wilmot, S. Klemann, Son Ho, S. Lackman, J. Schmalstig.

I. Call to Order

Yudit Greenberg called the meeting to order at 12:42.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2003, were approved.

III. Old Business

- A. Strategic Planning Committee** – (J. Malek) As part of the planning process, we held three additional meetings--a Staff Forum, an A&S Faculty Colloquium, and a Crummer Faculty Meeting. As a result of these meetings, the Planning and Priorities Committee intends to do some additional revisions of the mission statement and/or the plan itself before bringing it to the A&S Faculty or the Board of Trustees. Hence, it will not be on the agenda of the October 30 faculty meeting, but will be on the agenda of a later meeting.

- B. Student Government Report** (Son Ho): Sarah and Son are trying to rebuild committees, coordinate with several areas of the school, rewrite a constitution, and establish committees with all the services across the campus (dining, housing). The Council of Leaders is being remodeled, getting more success; establishing funding for cross-organization activities. SGA has representatives on all governance committees. Also, will have conference with other ACS schools.

IV. New Business

- A. Faculty Meetings** – Greenberg discussed an extra faculty meeting during fall term, but it was decided that unless there is a specific agenda, it would not be held.

- B. Professional Standards**

- i. Need to evaluate information from trial faculty evaluation last spring; new evaluation will not be available for evaluations this Fall semester.
- ii. Proposal of revisions of A&S By-Laws, Article VIII.B.Sections 1 and 2. Discussion followed on details of the revisions. Decision: *Revision will go to Faculty at next meeting, October 30.*

C. Report from the Dean (R. Casey)

- i. **Foreign Languages:** Casey wishes to change the name to Modern Languages and Literatures. This issue has been discussed at Department Chairs' meeting. The motion was passed unanimously and the change will be announced at next Faculty meeting.
- ii. **Discussion of Article VIII.** "All tenure track appointments should be made as a result of a national search." There was a lengthy discussion on the meaning of the word "*should*." Casey suggested there may be some reasons for not holding a national search if there has been a reasoned discussion about the position. (For diversity issues, well-known person retired to area.) Discussion followed and the Committee interpreted the by-law that there *was* leeway for rational consideration for not holding a national search, and it was decided that given the spirit of the article, the language would stay.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 1:52.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice-President/Secretary, Arts and Sciences Faculty