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## Minutes, Arts & Sciences Academic Affairs Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2006

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Executive Committee of the Arts and Sciences**  
**April 13, 2006**

**Members attending:** Pedro Bernal, Roger Casey Tom Cook, Nancy Decker, Lewis Duncan, Patricia Lancaster, Dorothy Mays, Caitlin McConnell, Rick Bommelje

- I. Call to Order:** T. Cook called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2006 were approved with corrections.

**III. New Business:**

**Search Committee for Dean of the Faculty position**

T. Cook summarized the results of informal conversations with a few faculty members to serve on the search committee. There was discussion on the faculty composition of the committee. L. Duncan suggested that one untenured faculty member be on the committee. There was also discussion about possible search committee candidates.

**Faculty Meeting Agenda Items**

T. Cook reviewed the agenda items for the next faculty meeting. In addition to the faculty governance committee elections, Hoyt Edge's appointment to serve as the interim Dean of the Faculty will be brought to the faculty for endorsement. The Provost will bring forward her Guiding Commitments document for endorsement.

**Sabbatical Leave Policy and Teaching**

R. Casey sought advice from the Executive Committee on a By-Laws issue concerning the Sabbatical Leave Policy and teaching. R. Casey has been approached by a department and a sabbaticant who have made a case for he sabbaticant teaching a course during the 2006 Fall term. The current policy states "While teaching at another college or university may often be an appropriate sabbatical activity, teaching at Rollins College is not." R. Casey has been holding firm to the policy since it was adopted. After discussion about the issue, there was no argument made to grant the request.

**Faculty Appointment Issue**

R. Casey stated that the By-Laws are ambiguous about having a tenure track faculty member be appointed to a program instead of a department. It is likely next year that the College will search for a Classicist. Since there is no Classics Department, a strong case can be made for the primary appointment being made to the Classics Program and the secondary appointment be to a specific department. R. Casey distributed By-Laws documentation relating to this issue and would like Executive Committee members to read and discuss the issue at the next meeting. T. Cook stated that this issue will be the first agenda item of the next Executive Committee meeting.

**The Rollins Experience: Guiding Commitments**

P. Lancaster distributed the revisions of The Rollins Experience: Guiding Commitments. Additionally, a working document was distributed that identifies several initiatives that

are currently being executed or planned. T. Cook indicated that the one page Guiding Commitments page will be distributed with the agenda. The initiatives will be distributed at the faculty meeting.

**Commencement Speaker**

L. Duncan inquired as to the procedure for announcing the Commencement Speaker and Honorary Doctorate recipients. It was suggested that this could be done at the next faculty meeting.

**Sabbatical Related Item**

L. Duncan announced that we are pursuing possible funding for a center for visiting distinguished sabbaticants from elsewhere. Specific details are pending.

**V.** The next Executive Meeting will be held on April 27, 2006 at 12:30 pm in the Faculty Club.

**VI.** T. Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Bommelje