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MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Special Faculty Meeting

Thursday, December 7 at 12:25 p.m.

Hauck Auditorium *

(N.B. This is the special meeting called during Tuesday's regular Arts and Sciences' faculty meeting.)

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Discussion of President Seymour's remarks and proposed action concerning evaluation.

III. Other Business

* Please note location of meeting. Beginning at noon, lunch will be available outside Hauck Hall Auditorium for \$3.

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Minutes of the Faculty of the College

December 7, 1989

PRESENT: Allen, Amlund, Blosssey, Borsoi, Carson, B., Carson R., Chandler, Child, D. & G., Christensen, Cohen, Cook, Cotanche, Curb, Davison J., Davison D., Decker, DeNicola, Edmondson, Eng-Wilmot, Foglesong, Glennon, Greenberg, Greyson, Griffin, Hales, Hepburn, Howell, Kerr, Klemann, Kurtz, Lairson, Lane, LeRoy, Levis, Lima, Lopez-Laval, Lorraine, Luckett, Mesavage, Mueller, Neilson, Newman, Nordstrom, Pastore, Provost, Rogers, Foss, Runnels, Schutz, Siny, Small, Stewart, Straumanis, Taylor, Wettstein, Williams

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

II. Professor Alan Nordstrom announced lunch Winter Term with the Teaching Learning Center. The dates are January 11 and January 25 at noon at the Faculty Club.

III. Professors Glennon and Barbara Carson introduced the following resolution:

~~Whereas, we the (Arts and Science) faculty of Rollins College have a deep and abiding respect for the principle of peer evaluation and the process of review of departmental evaluation,~~

and whereas we believe in the ability of our faculty to render fair and impartial judgments,

~~and whereas we strongly disagree with the recent decision of the President, acting upon the recommendations of the Provost and the Dean of the Faculty, to interrupt the evaluation process;~~

be it resolved that we petition the Board of Trustees to honor the (procedures as defined by the) College By-laws in the matter of faculty evaluations,

and that we further petition the Board to permit the faculty to present their views concerning this matter to the Board, through representatives to be designated by the Chair of the Steering Committee.

Note: Friendly amendments are in parentheses.

The resolution provided a focus for the continuing discussion of President Seymour's remarks with respect to the promotion of Professor Mesavage. The discussion was animated and ranged from philosophical questions about the evaluation process to technical questions about the interpretation of the bylaws.

IV. At 1:30 p.m. a motion to call the question was made. However, Professor Cotanche called for a quorum which was seconded. The quorum call, which failed, was ruled to be privileged so the meeting was adjourned with the resolution still on the floor.