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## 2/1/07 Arts and Sciences faculty meeting minutes

**Faculty in Attendance:** V. Aggarwal, B. Allen, I. Alon, B. Balak, G. Barreneche, P. Bernal, E. Blossey, A. Boguslawski, B. Boles, R. Bommelje, D. Boniface, E. Bouris, W. Brandon, S. Carhahan, J. Carrington, B. Carson, R. Casey, J. Cavanaugh, J. Chambliss, G. Child, E. Cohen, T. Cook, D. Crozier, D. Cummings, M. D'Amato, C. Davis, K. Dennis, L. Duncan, S. Easton, J. Eck, H. Edge, L. Eng-Wilmot, M. Fetscherin, E. Friedland, L. Goj, D. Griffin, D. Hargrove, F. Harper, S. Hewit, A. Homrich, J. Houston, R. James, S. Klemann, M. Kovarik, P. Kozel, H. Kypraios, S. Lackman, T. Lairson, P. Lancaster, C. Lauer, L. Laws, E. LeRoy, B. Levis, L. Lines, S. Mariotti, D. Mays, E. McClellan, M. Meyer, J. Miller, A. Moe, B. Moore, T. Moore, R. Musgrave, R. Newcomb, M. Newman, A. Nordstrom, K. Norsworthy, R. Ovist, T. Papay, S. Phelan, J. Provost, D. Richard, D. Rogers, E. Royce, S. Rubarth, M. Ruiz, M. Sardy, J. Schmalstig, M. Shafe, R. Simmons, C. Skelley, E. Smaw, P. Stephenson, D. Stoub, K. Sutherland, B. Svitavsky, M. Throumoulos, R. Vitray, A. Voicu, D. Wellman, Y. Yao, J. Yellen, W. Zhang

**Others in Attendance:** S. Agee, S. Carrier, S. Fischer

12:45 p.m.: T. Cook called meeting to order.

I. 12/6/6 minutes: approved

II. Announcements:

A. **Rollins Relief**: T. Cook recognized faculty and students for service in New Orleans.

B. **Campus Movie Fest**: on-line sign-up; Rollins is partnering with professional filmmakers and the Enzian; laptop and digital cameras provided to teams

C. **Cornell Scholarship Weekend** (D. Wellman): need ~12 people to grade essays, ~35 to conduct interviews on March 4-5

D. **Two Community Engagement Gifts Received** (R. Casey): including funding for vehicle for use on service learning experiences

E. **Faculty Party**: Fri., March 2 at University Club; still seeking theme

F. **Dean of Student Affairs Search** (H. Edge): feedback forum held 2/6/7 in Suntrust Auditorium; electronic feedback form to be distributed

III. Old Business

**By-laws Change to Structure of FEC** (PSC, M. D'Amato): proposals to bring by-laws in line with current practices, i.e., 1) to eliminate the alternate member and have 6 regular members who rotate being excused from evaluations and 2) to have member of FEC serve as ex-officio member of mid-course reviews

IV. New Business

**Proposed Revisions to Honors Program** (AAC, S. Carnahan; HP director, B. Levis): issues facing Honors Supervisory Committee, 1) attrition in HP has been higher

than 50% at times, 2) staffing courses, 3) faculty compensation, 4) lack of diversity in course offerings; students can avoid entire divisions, 5) perceived range of ability of HP students

Proposed changes (which address first 2 years of program): 1) to team teach all HP courses, 2) to ensure that students take HP courses in all divisions, 3) to shrink size of program from 45 to 30 to heighten quality/consistency of HP students

S. Libby: team teaching model supports interdisciplinarity at Rollins

R. Musgrave: Honors Supervisory Committee has responded to needs of Cornell Scholars for most innovative classes

H. Edge: team teaching model would require 6 more faculty courses (equivalent of one full time faculty member)

R. Casey: Can't support proposal administratively. Rollins is trying to increase number of very high quality students. 20-25 Cornell-quality students (1350+ SAT) now come to Rollins each year. Launching dean's scholarship program (~1250 SAT); aims to yield 25 other high-quality students. We have advertised that scholarship recipients have automatic admission to HP. Philosophically, not sure that more faculty will be enticed to teach in HP by requiring everyone to team teach.

S. Rubarth: Could amend language to say "up to 45 students" rather than limiting to specific number. B. Levis: Lack of predictability would compound staffing problems.

W. Brandon: Can students apply to HP after admission to Rollins? B. Levis: Yes. W. Brandon: If this were more widely known among students and faculty, it could offset attrition.

R. Newcomb: Did not see disparity in ability in HP class.

E. Cohen: Terrible time in history of college to reduce HP by 1/3. HP students raise level of discourse in non-honors courses as well.

L. Duncan: In this context, "lower level students" refers to lower level of our very best students. Reducing size of HP will put us at competitive disadvantage. Many of 15 will not come to Rollins. Alternate model: could designate additional courses as honors courses with higher expectations for HP students.

R. Casey: motion to table to next faculty meeting; approved.

1:42: meeting adjourned