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**Minutes of the Meeting  
Arts and Sciences Faculty  
May 3, 2006**

Members Present: V. Aggarwal, B. Allen, M. Anderson, B. Balak, G. Barreneche, P. Bernal, E. Blossey, A. Blumenthal, A. Boguslawski, D. Boniface, E. Bouris, W. Brandon, S. Carnahan, A. Carpan, R. Carson, R. Casey, G. Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, J. Chambliss, D. Charles, G. Child, D. Child, D. Cohen, E. Cohen, T. Cook, J. Davison, D. Davison, N. Decker, K. Dennis, L. Duncan, S. Easton, J. Eck, H. Edge, L. Eng-Wilmot, M. Fetscherin, E. Friedland, E. Gottlieb, Y. Greenberg, D. Griffin, M. Gunter, D. Hargrove, F. Harper, S. Hewitt, A. Homrich, G. Howell, R. James, J. Johnson, Y. Jones, S. Klemann, H. Kypraios, S. Lackman, P. Lancaster, B. Levis, R. Lima, L. Lines, D. Mays, E. McClellan, C. McInnis-Bowers, M. McLaren, M. Mesavage, G. Meyers, B. Moore, T. Moore, R. Musgrave, R. Newcomb, M. Newman, P. Pequeno-Rossie, J. Queen, D. Richard, D. Rogers, M. Sardy, J. Schmalstig, B. Sherry, J. Shivamoggi, J. Small, B. Smither, P. Stephenson, D. Stoub, K. Sutherland, B. Svitavsky, K. Taylor, M. Throumoulos, R. Vitray, G. Williams, G. Winarski, J. Yellen, W. Zhang, E. Zivot

Guests:

Jack Lane  
Arnold Wettstein  
Sharon Agee  
Sherry Fischer

As lunch was being completed the faculty was surrounded and serenaded by forty or so student singers, under the direction of John Sinclair. The group sang "As Torrents in Summer," and a quintet admonished the faculty to R&R with a performance of Scott Joplin's "We Will Rest Awhile." The final number was a spirited spiritual ("Good News") that rightly won a standing ovation from the faculty.

**I. Call to Order:** T. Cook thanked the singers and called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

**II. Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from the April 20, 2006 meeting were approved with corrections.

**III. Announcements:**

T. Cook introduced President Lewis Duncan who announced that the Colloquy for next year is coming together nicely, with speaking commitments from Maya Angelou, E. O. Wilson, Steven Pinker and other nationally-known figures. In a couple of cases (i.e. Jared Diamond) we will have the speaker here on campus, though not during the actual colloquy.

President Duncan further announced some personnel changes and reassignments to take effect June 1. Steve Neilson has accepted reassignment at the upper adminis-

trative level, and Ken Posner has taken an administrative position in Institutional Technology. Katie Berzowski will be serving as Interim Director of Residential Life, and a small advisory group consisting of staff (Cara Meixner and Katie Berzowski), faculty (Rachel Simmons and Thom Moore), and students (Cat McConnell and Austin Connors) will assist the President in deciding upon the Interim Dean of Student Affairs for 2006-2007. A search committee will be formed to begin (next fall) the search for a permanent Dean of Students Affairs.

Nancy Decker, Chair of the Professional Standards Committee, reported to the faculty on a set of guidelines that her Committee is recommending to the Dean of the Faculty for use in guiding decisions regarding faculty travel reimbursements. (Document attached as Appendix #2 to these minutes). There was serious and spirited discussion of the pros and cons of the policy recommendations. In the end T. Cook thanked the Committee for its work and the guidance provided the Dean for the coming "lean year." He suggested that the issue of funding faculty travel be revisited next year in a more broadly-based discussion to include the Finance and Service Committee and perhaps the relevant committee(s) dealing with globalization initiatives. This suggestion met with a murmur of general approval.

Phil Roach was recognized to make the sad announcement of the recent death of Boyd Coffie – long-time baseball coach at the college and friend of many faculty members.

Provost Patricia Lancaster announced the winner of this year's McKean Award – Linda Tavernier-Almada. (Full text of the award attached as Appendix #1 to these minutes).

Ryan Musgrave announced that she will be administering a new grant from the ACS for collaborative research projects between faculty and students. She invited those faculty members interested in possibly applying to contact her.

Margaret McLaren announced that there would be a Coffee House fund-raiser in the French House from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 3, to support the service-learning course that she and her colleague R. Musgrave will be leading to Ecuador.

T. Cook recognized Jack Lane and Arnold Wettstein, two distinguished emeritus faculty colleagues who will be receiving Honorary Doctorate degrees at the Commencement ceremony on May 14. Their presence and their contributions were greeted with applause and acclaim. J. Lane passed around copies of a photograph of his first faculty meeting in a refitted Baptist Church (now the Fred Stone Theater) in 1963.

Dorothy Mays rose to recount and honor the impressive contributions and accomplishments of retiring Library Director Donna Cohen. (Citation attached as Appendix #3).

Joan Davison honored Phil Roach upon his retirement by recounting the successes of the athletic program since P. Roach's assumption of the position of Athletic Director. She highlighted P. Roach's achievements and leadership.

T. Cook proposed a toast in thankful recognition of the years of dedicated service of Professors Cohen and Roach, congratulating them on their emeritus status and wishing them well in retirement. The two new retirees were warmly and enthusiastically applauded.

Dean Roger Casey called attention to visiting faculty and other important staff members who have been with us for some time and who will be leaving this year. The list included Bert G. Bertram, Robert C. Brigham, Rosemary Cowan, Jill C. Gorman, Jennifer H. Henton, Kathryn Hickman (going to part-time status), Scott A. Husband, Jennifer A. Johnson, Andrew A. Luchner, Brian W. Polk, Ronald W. Presley, Jayashree B. Shivamoggi, Marilyn C. Stewart, Mark W. Walter. The faculty wished these departing friends well with spirited applause.

#### **IV. Old Business**

T. Cook called for old business. There was none.

#### **V. New Business**

T. Cook presented a motion to endorse the list of A&S candidates for graduation (conditional upon their completing all academic requirements). The motion passed by a voice vote.

Interim Dean Designate Hoyt Edge asked for faculty endorsement of the appointment of Associate Professor of Education Debra Wellman to the post of Associate Dean of the Faculty (the post that he will be leaving on June 1). The motion to approve was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

T. Cook offered a resolution (with visuals) saluting and thanking Roger Casey for his years of service as Dean of the Faculty and wishing him well in his new position as Provost. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed by a voice vote.

There was a motion to adjourn – duly seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P. M.

APPENDICES FOLLOW BELOW

## **Appendix #1**

**McKean Grant Award for 2006-07  
Presented May 2006  
Presented by Provost Patricia Lancaster**

**Through the generosity of Hugh and Jeannette McKean, the McKean Grant was established at Rollins in 1982 to provide a “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity for a faculty member to accomplish what would otherwise be deemed impossible in a single professional career. Hugh McKean, who served as president of Rollins from 1951 to 1969, was known for his intellectual curiosity, breadth of vision and generous spirit.**

**Each year proposals are evaluated by a review committee of Rollins alumni who are professors and scholars. This year they gave the award to a proposal from the social sciences division, one that grows out of fieldwork designed to develop students’ skills in collecting oral histories. The project will involve students in the collection, classification and analysis of folklore and oral history genres. The purpose of the project is safeguard the complex history of the town of Eatonville so that it will be treasured as part of the rich history of a multicultural nation. One objective of the project is to acquire enough oral history to hold a local and national exhibition during the 2007 academic year.**

**A member of the Anthropology Department since 2004, the award recipient holds three degrees from the University of California Berkeley: a BA in political science, an MA in Folklore and PhD in Interdisciplinary Colonial & Post Colonial Cultural Studies.**

**I am delighted to present the McKean Award to Dr. Linda Tavernier-Almada.**

## **Appendix #2**

### **Recommendations from the Professional Standards Committee to the Dean of the Faculty concerning faculty travel policy**

1. require 21-day advance purchase for airline travel
2. require that intent to travel forms be submitted to the Dean at stipulated semester deadlines
3. limit support of conference attendance (without presenting a paper or performance, responding to a paper or speaker, serving on a panel, serving as an officer of the professional association) to 50% of actual travel costs. Faculty members may apply for additional funds up to 80% of actual travel costs. The merits of the applications will be judged based upon their benefit to the individuals and to the College at the discretion of the Dean.
4. stipulate strict limits as to the amount and use of faculty travel money:
  - a. 2 trips per academic year
  - b. \$1200 total support for domestic travel
  - c. \$1500 total support for international travel

### **Appendix #3**

#### **Words in Honor of Donna Cohen – Upon her Retirement**

Delivered by Dorothy Mays

Faculty Meeting

May 3, 2006

Donna has worked at the library since 1986, and she has been the director since 1999. I've had the pleasure of working with her since I came to Rollins in 2001.

When Donna began work at the Olin Library in 1986

It was a time when if you wanted to look up a book, you pulled out a drawer and flipped through cards in the card catalog. Our definition of high-tech involved unwinding a roll of microfilm onto a spool and scrolling.

There was no such thing as Internet access or the ability to call up Reserve Reading from anywhere in the world.

There was no wireless access, no free printing of journal articles, no ability to have a reference question answered through e-mail.

Certainly, we had no coffee in the library.

Donna has presided over a lot of changes. We went from a handful of stand-alone CD-Roms to over 50 online databases, most of which can be accessed from anywhere in the world. She helped make it possible to insure that you have off-campus access to journal databases.

But her commitment extends beyond technology. Donna is a real, dyed in the wool book lover and she is committed to making sure that the millions of words contained in older books..... the kind of books that won't appear online anytime soon, have a safe place at the Olin Library. When we ran out of space for more books, Donna succeeded in getting the funding for movable bookshelves which increased our shelving capacity by almost 50%.

As I said, she is a book lover. She reads all the classics. All the "important books" that win awards and such. But she also loves a good, trashy beach read. Before Donna, the library bought books that supported the curriculum, but Donna wants people to be able to come to the library for fun reading too, so she made arrangements for us to get popular current books. Now you can Stephen King and Janet Evonovich at the library.

So devoted to libraries that each time she vacations, she takes a snapshot of herself in front of a library. Her album includes pix in Farliegh NZ, Mildurah AU, Oveido Spain, Durango CO, and many points in between.

I think everyone who has worked with Donna will agree that two qualities stand out: She is a very gracious person who pays great attention to making the library a warm, welcoming and comfortable place. Anyone who has been lucky enough to have dinner at Donna's house knows that she is a fantastic cook and really knows how to throw a first-class dinner party. On the other hand, she is also a person with high standards and dogged determination to make the library the best organization it can possibly be. This unique combination of traits is a little like working for a cross between Martha Stewart and General Patton. It has certainly made working in the Olin Library an exciting place to be.

Donna also has another quality that makes her a stealth weapon. It is a little known fact that she is a big Tar Heels fan. On two separate instances she spent time in Chapel Hill... one year she was a grad student, and another time when she spent a sabbatical in Chapel Hill. Both those years UNC won the NCAA championship in basketball. It has occurred to her that she should contact the Chancellor of UNC to assure them of future championships should she decide to relocate to Chapel Hill. Nobody realizes what a fanatical Tar Heels fan she is and how powerful she is as a secret weapon.

And on a personal note... Donna has been a wonderful mentor, a fantastic librarian, and a good friend.