

**Minutes of the Special Faculty Meeting
May 28, 2010**

President Simmons called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of May 4 were approved with minor corrections. Professor Tan, reporting for the FEC, offered the following nominations:

For the Nominations Committee, the nominations for appointments to be effective July 1, 2010:

Ruth Colwill (Psychology) to replace Andrea Simmons (Psychology) to 6/30/11,
John Savage (Computer Science) to replace Jay Tang (Physics) to 6/30/13,
Michel-Andre Bossy (French Studies/Comparative Literature) to replace Jeffrey Muller (History of Art) to 6/30/13, Suzanne Stewart-Steinberg (Comparative Literature) to replace Michal Oklot (Slavic Languages) to 6/30/13

For the Brown University Community Council, nominations for appointments to be effective July 1, 2010:

Jim Baird (Chemistry) to continue until 6/30/13, Anne Fausto-Sterling (MCB) to replace Chi-Ming Hai (MPPB) to 6/30/13, Eric Suuberg (Engineering) to replace Tony Cokes (MCM) to 6/30/13

The nominations were approved without dissent.

Dean Gruppuso moved that the candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine as listed, but subject to possible correction for clerical errors, be recommended to the Board of Fellows for their respective degrees and that the Dean be left with power to withhold the degree from any students who fail to meet their required obligations to the University until such time as these obligations have been met. The motion carried after brief discussion.

Professor Simmons, chair of the Nominations Committee, who apologized for having been delayed by the move of her office to a new location, presented the following nominations:

Nominations recommended to the Faculty for Faculty Officer Appointments to be effective July 1, 2010:

Parliamentarian: Peter Richardson (Engineering and Physiology) to 6/30/11
Secretary of the Faculty: Stephen Foley (English) to 6/30/11
Chair of the Faculty Forum: Dietrich Neumann (History of Art & Architecture) to 6/30/11
Secretary of the Faculty Forum: Lynne DeBenedette (Slavic Languages) to 6/30/11

Nominations recommended to the Faculty for Committee Appointments to be effective July 1, 2010:

Academic Standing (CAS): Elizabeth Taylor (English) replacing Melinda Rabb (English) to 6/30/13

College Curriculum Council (CCC): Thomas Doepner (Computer Science) replacing Roderic Beresford (Engineering) to 6/30/13, Caroline Karp (Environmental Studies) replacing Jin Li (Education) to 6/30/13

Commencement Speakers: Richard Meckel (American Civilization) replacing Elizabeth Taylor (English) to 6/30/13

Corporate Responsibility in Investment Policies: J. Vernon Henderson (Economics) replacing Louis Putterman (Economics) to 6/30/13

Faculty Retirement: Robert Patrick (Neuroscience) replacing Lewis Lipsitt (Psychology) to 6/30/13

Graduate Council: Gianpaolo Baiocchi (Sociology) continuing to 6/30/13

Medical Faculty Appointments (CMFA): Sean Ling (Physics) replacing Pascal Van Hentenryck (Computer Science) to 6/30/13

Standing Committee on the Academic Code: Ruth Colwill (Psychology) replacing Tom Doepner (Computer Science) to 6/30/13, Michael McKeown (MCB) replacing Robert Patrick (Neuroscience) to 6/30/13

The nominations were approved without dissent.

Dean Bergeron, thanking the Registrar for making the list of graduates of the College available earlier by email and then again for this meeting, noted that she had received from the Registrar a list of 1482 candidates for baccalaureate degrees from the College (compared to 1443 last year): 1086 A.B.'s, 388 SC.B.'s, and combined A.B. and SC.B. 8. After inviting and receiving questions, she moved that the candidates for baccalaureate degrees from the College be recommended as listed to the Board of Fellows for their respective degrees, and that the Dean of the College be left with the power to withhold the diplomas of any students who fail to meet their required financial obligations to the University until such time as these obligations have been met, or until the completion of any University processes that may be initiated for alleged student academic code or non-academic conduct violations, including the completion of all sanctions imposed if any. The motion carried. Dean Bergeron then moved that the Registrar be authorized to add the proper designation of degrees with distinction (*magna cum laude*) to the degrees of 302 candidates. The motion carried. After offering her thanks to the individual departments, he moved that the

Registrar be authorized to add to the diplomas of 450 students the proper designation of honors in the field of concentration. The motion carried.

Dean Bonde presented the candidates for Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Medical Science, Master of Public Health, Master of Public Affairs, Master of Public Policy, Master of Science, Master of Science in Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship, and Doctor of Philosophy. After brief discussion, the motion to recommend these candidates to the Board of Fellows as listed, but subject to possible correction for clerical errors, and that the Dean be left with power to withhold any students who fail to meet their required obligations to the University until such time as these obligations have been met carried without dissent. This year 427 completed Master's degrees and 204 the Ph.D. For the awarding of all degrees, the Registrar invited the faculty to bring any outstanding matters to his attention.

President Simmons offered her thanks to Michael Pesta for his superb efforts over the years and not least for handling the pressures of this last volatile and important meeting with efficiency and calm. She thanked Sheila Bonde for her tremendous service in leading graduate education forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Merriam Foley
Secretary of the Faculty