

Minutes of the Special Faculty Meeting

May 27, 2011

Provost Kertzer, awaiting the arrival of President Simmons from a meeting with the Corporation, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of May 3 were approved. Professor Garcia Coll, reporting for the FEC, wished the faculty *buenas tardes* and offered the following nominations on behalf of the Committee on Nominations:

Brown University Community Council

Thomas Lewis (Religious Studies) until 6/30/14

Melani Cammett (Political Science) until 6/30/14

John (Brad) Marston (Physics) until 6/30/14

For the Nominations Committee

William Simmons (Anthropology) until 6/30/12

Vince Mor (Community Health) until 6/30/14

She noted the need for additional members on the Nominations Committee, one each in the Life and the Physical Sciences. And she announced that Professor Joyrich would serve on the newly formed Advisory Board for the Stephen Robert Campus Center. And she closed her final remarks before a faculty meeting as chair of the FEC in expressing her thanks to the over 150 faculty members participating in faculty governance this year, who have served not just because asked but because they believe.

Dean Wing 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.

Dean Bergeron stated that she had received from the Registrar a list of 1554 candidates for baccalaureate degrees from the College (compared to 1482 last year): 1129 A.B.'s, 413 Sc.B.'s, and 12 combined A.B. and Sc.B. 8., including the names of two students for whom the degree will be awarded posthumously, Paige Victoria Hicks and Arun David Stewart. 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 after discussion. 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 324 candidates. The motion carried. After offering her thanks to the individual departments, she moved that the Registrar be authorized to add to the diplomas of 468

students the proper designation of honors in the field of concentration. The motion carried after discussion.

President Simmons returned and assumed the chair at 12:15 p.m.

Dean Weber 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.

President Simmons stated that she was pleased to announce that the Corporation had just approved the appointment of Professor Kevin McLaughlin, currently chair of the department of English, as the new Dean of the Faculty, and the faculty greeted Dean McLaughlin with approbation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Merriam Foley
Secretary of the Faculty