

## **BROWN UNIVERSITY**

### **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FACULTY MEETING**

**Friday, May 22, 2009**

Provost Kertzer called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. He explained that President Simmons was detained at the Corporation Meeting. The minutes from the May 5, 2009 Faculty Meeting were approved.

William Patterson, speaking for the Nominations Committee, reminded the faculty of the ballot available on MyCourses. Voting closes on June 5. The Committee is looking for two candidates from the social sciences to stand for Vice Chair of the FEC. He presented the nomination recommended to the Faculty for Secretary of the Faculty, Professor Ruth Colwill, appointment to be effective July 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009. He also presented the following nominations for committee appointments to be effective July 1, 2009:

#### **COLLEGE CURRICULUM COUNCIL (CCC)**

Rod Beresford (Engineering) reappointed to replace Richard Meckel (American Civilization) to 6/30/10

#### **FACULTY RETIREMENT (Committee on)**

Bruno Harris (Mathematics) reappointed until 6/30/12

Lois Monteiro (Community Health) reappointed until 6/30/12

The President, who had joined the meeting during Mr. Patterson's presentation, called for further nominations. None were made and the slate was elected unanimously.

Professor Dreier, Chair of the FEC, presented the names of faculty members selected by the FEC to serve on the Brown University Community Council and on the Committee on Nominations effective July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2012. These names are:

#### **BROWN UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (BUCC)**

Kiri Miller (Music)

Corey Brettschneider (Political Science)

Corey Walker (Africana Studies)

#### **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

John Logan (Sociology)

Ron Seifer (Psychiatry)

Kay Warren (Anthropology)

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Prof. Dreier noted that Prof Diebold had resigned as Vice Chair of the FEC. He was optimistic that two candidates for a ballot election can be found by July 1 but in case that is not accomplished, he offered the following motion.

Moved:

That the Faculty approves the extension of the terms of service of the FEC Chair and Past Chair until such time as the current Vice Chair vacancy can be filled by ballot election by the Faculty.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Dean Gruppuso of the Medical School presented the List of 90 Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He apologized for the necessity of leaving the Meeting immediately after the vote but the Medical School Awards Ceremony is being held at the same time as this Faculty Meeting. No questions were asked of Dean Gruppuso. He then put forward the following Motion: "Madam President, I move that candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine, as listed, but subject to possible corrections for clerical errors, be recommended to the Board of Fellows for their respective degrees; and that the Dean be left with the power to withhold the diplomas of any students who fail to meet their required obligations to the University, until such time as these obligations have been met." This Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

Dean of the College Katherine Bergeron then presented the Lists of Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees. Dean Bergeron directed the Faculty's attention to the Registrar's Lists of candidates for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and both Bachelor of Arts and Science, as well as Academic Honors in Special Fields, noting that this year there were 1077 Candidates for the A.B. degree, 354 candidates for the Sc.B. degree, and 12 candidates for the combined degrees—a total of 1443. The corresponding numbers last year were 1156 A.B.s, 370 Sc.B.s, and 16 combined degrees, for a total of 1542. The number receiving the Magna Cum Laude Distinction was 281, corresponding to a percentage of 19.5—the percentage last year was 21.7. Honors in the Field of Concentration were received by 431 students (29.9%), compared to 29.6 % last year.

Dean Bergeron noted that the Registrar had made these Lists available to the departments earlier for their review. She asked the Faculty for any further corrections to or omissions from these Lists. Together with the Registrar and the staff of that Office, all such questions from the floor, extending across a seven-minute or so period, were answered to the satisfaction of the Faculty. On the third attempt—the first two eliciting further questions, Dean Bergeron then put forward the Motion: "I move that candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees from the College—as listed, but subject to possible corrections for clerical errors—be recommended 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." This Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

Dean Bergeron next presented the list of students recommended for Degrees with Distinction and put forward the Motion: "I move that the Registrar be authorized to add the proper designation of Degrees with Distinction to the diplomas of the appropriate candidates." This Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

Dean Bergeron continued with the awarding of degrees. She presented the Registrar's List of candidates for Degrees with Honors in Concentration. She then put forward the Motion: "Madam President, I move that the Registrar be instructed to add the proper designation of Honors in the Field of Concentration to the diplomas of the appropriate candidates." This Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

Finally, the Dean of the Graduate School, Sheila Bonde, presented the List of Candidates for Advanced Degrees. This combined List of Masters and Ph.D. degrees included 583 Candidates, compared to 554 in 2008. Dean Bonde put forward the following Motion: "Madam President, I move that candidates for advanced degrees from the Graduate School, as listed, but subject to possible corrections for clerical errors, be recommended to the Board of Fellows for their respective degrees; and that the Dean of the Graduate School be left with the power to withhold the diplomas of any students who fail to meet financial obligations to the University within prescribed time limits, the issuance of such diplomas at a later date to be at her discretion." This Motion was seconded, and approved by a voice vote of the Faculty.

President Simmons thanked the faculty for their work during the past year despite the extraordinarily difficult economic conditions. She stated the Corporation is most appreciative also. She noted a phenomenal gift toward financial aid has been received and that the Campaign has exceeded its initial goal of \$1.4 Billion—we will keep going. She closed by saying; "Thank you all."

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barrett Hazeltine  
Interim Secretary of the Faculty