

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FACULTY MEETING

Friday, 26 May 2006

President Simmons called the meeting to order at about 12:15 PM. The minutes from the May 2, 2006 Faculty Meeting were approved.

Dean Eli Adashi of the Medical School presented the List of 89 Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine. No questions were asked of Dean Adashi. 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 Paul Armstrong then presented the Lists of Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees. Dean Armstrong 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 1264 Candidates for the A.B. degree, 281 candidates for the Sc.B. degree, and 4 candidates for the combined degrees—a total of 1549. The corresponding numbers last year were 1202 A.B.s, 287 Sc.B.s, and 10 combined degrees, for a total of 1499. The number receiving the Magna Cum Laude Distinction was 317, corresponding to a percentage of 20.5—the percentage last year was 19.75. Honors in the Field of Concentration were received by 429 students (27.7%), compared to 26.8 % last year.

Dean Armstrong noted that two members of the class were receiving their degrees posthumously: Alison Michener and Luis Pagan. He asked the Faculty for any 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 an eight-minute or so period, were answered to the satisfaction of the Faculty. When no further questions were forthcoming, Dean Armstrong 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 Armstrong 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 Armstrong continued with the awarding of degrees. He presented the Registrar's List of candidates for Degrees with Honors in Concentration. He 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 represented 556 Candidates. After a clarification noting that Public Humanities is contained within American Civilization, 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 tremendous effort during the past year and noted the gratitude expressed by many parents.

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barrett Hazeltine
Secretary of the Faculty