



**Armstrong Atlantic State University  
Faculty Meeting  
Minutes of November 14, 2005**

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. in University Hall 156 on Monday, November 14, 2005 by Dr. Helen Taggart. There were initially 181 out of 284 faculty members in attendance, with 6 excused absences. The list is on file in the Vice President's Office with the official minutes.

**II. Comments**

Thomas Jones

President Jones repeated his announcement of November 10 that Dr. Edward Thompson III has stepped down as Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Dennis Murphy will supervise the Office of Academic Affairs through the end of the year (December 31, 2005). Dr. Jones wants to identify an Interim Vice President before the beginning of next semester and will be meeting with a variety of people to solicit names. He invites input, observations and insights from all faculty. Dr. Thompson will be retooling during spring semester and preparing to reenter the classroom in Fall 2006.

A new gateway and traffic signal are planned for the intersection of Arts Drive and Abercorn Street. The job will be going out for bid this week and work will begin in January.

For some time the university has been looking at the possibility of leasing space in the Savannah Mall to house the Departments of Dental Hygiene and Communicative Disorders in order to facilitate these departments serving the larger community. The proposal for the lease and renovation is currently in Atlanta being reviewed by the USG Facilities Office. It is hoped that the space can be ready for occupancy next fall.

At the recent Facilities Office conference, Armstrong Atlantic State University received an award for the Best Privatized Project for acquisition of the Armstrong Center. It is hoped that the Armstrong Center will be operational by fall.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed upon for an AASU partnership with the Medical College of Georgia and North Georgia College and State University to offer the Doctorate of Physical Therapy. The MOU is on the Board of Regents agenda for November.

**III. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of October 10, 2005 were approved as presented.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Student Success**

Mike Price

Dr. Price reported that President Jones just mailed the Retention Progression Graduation Rates report to the Board of Regents. The university is in a holding pattern until the USG office gets back to us with feedback in January or February. He thanked everyone that has contributed to the initiative for all of their work. There will be more information in the early spring.

**V. New Business**

**A. Approval of December 2005 Graduation Candidates** (see Attachment 1)

Kim West

The list of graduation candidates was presented and approved with additions. If there are any late additions or corrections, please contact Kim West as soon as possible.

**B. Reports of the Standing Committees to the Faculty**

**1. Executive Committee**

Keith Douglass

**a. Follow-up on Faculty Governance**

Attachment 2, which was distributed with the agenda, details the history of the current discussion on faculty governance, starting with the formation of the Task Force on Faculty Governance in April 2004 and gives a link to the Task Force report. The Executive Committee now asks the faculty what they would like to do next in light of the findings of the Task Force and the subsequent faculty forums.

There was extended discussion on the issue, followed by a request to make the minutes of the faculty forums available online as well.

Faculty with comments on faculty governance are encouraged to send them to the Executive Committee. A question was also put forward for consideration: Do you believe governance difficulties relate to the governance system itself or the lack of use of the present governance system?

**b. Senior Grade Submission** (see Attachment 3)

The Council of Deans has approved the attached proposal regarding senior grade submission. The proposal was forwarded to the Executive Committee for review and input and is now put before the faculty.

It was asked how the proposed policy would affect graduates who required proof of graduation for licensure earlier than 6 weeks after commencement. Mr. West said that if notice is sent to his office these graduates can be processed first and that their degree completion as recorded on their official transcripts should satisfy licensure requirements.

The proposed system would go into effect in spring at the earliest.

It was felt that the wording of item 3 regarding awarding of honors was unclear. It was asked that this wording be revised to be more specific and that the proposal be presented again at a later date.

**2. Academic Appeals**

Sharyn Gibson

**Action Item: Proposed Change in Academic Suspension Policy** (see Attachment 4)

The Academic Appeals Committee brought forward a two-part proposal. Part one would change the Academic Suspension Policy, as it now allows suspended students to take summer classes. Part two would change the wording in the undergraduate catalog in the section on Academic Standing Appeals to make it more informative and less confusing.

Discussion turned to part two of the proposal and the priority deadline for appeals. At this point a quorum count was called for. The meeting had lost the quorum, so no voting could take place from this point on.

**3. Admissions & Academic Standing**

W.C. Zipperer

The committee is currently looking at the new writing section of the SAT and how it will be used for admissions criteria.

**4. Faculty Activities**

Andy Weinbach

There will be a Fall Bocce Tournament. A team would consist of four players with up to two alternates. Those interested in playing should get the names of their team members to Patrick Brennan by the end of the week.

**5. Faculty Development**

Dick Nordquist

Dr. Ed Thompson reviewed all of the grant proposals. 18 of 23 research and scholarship grants will be funded, for a total of \$30,000. The grants were very competitive and the selection process was rigorous. Notifications will be sent by the end of the week.

## **6. Faculty Evaluation**

Lynn Stover

The committee was charged by the Executive Committee to investigate a voluntary midterm online evaluation program. They have done so and are recommending a pilot project for Spring 2006. Those interested in participating should send their names and course numbers to the Faculty Evaluation Committee or to Phyllis Panhorst in Academic Affairs. For a complete report, see Attachment 5.

7. Faculty Welfare – no report

8. Financial Aid & Scholarship – no report

9. Grievance – no report

## **10. Honors Advisory**

Nancy Remler/Jonathan Roberts

Faculty are reminded that in order to graduate from the honors program, honor students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2, must have earned at least a B in four honors courses, and must complete an honors project. For a complete report, see Attachment 6.

Thanks were extended to all programs who sent in their honors guidelines.

11. International Programs & Activities – no report

## **12. Library**

Patricia Coberly

The committee met on November 2 at noon in the Library's conference room. Committee members continued to review criteria for the Brockmeier Award and to review the library's budget needs.

13. **Research & Scholarship** – Please see the Faculty Development report.

14. Student Conduct – no report

15. Student Recruitment, Advisement, & Retention – no report

## **16. Writing**

Please don't forget to encourage submissions for the Spring Writing Showcase.

### **17. University Curriculum Committee**

Since the quorum was lost, action items from the UCC minutes of October 19, 2005 are deferred until the next meeting.

## **VI. Other Business**

There was a question regarding the number of students receiving degrees in General Studies and how it compared to previous years. It was also asked what sort of exit exam they are required to take. Dr. Nordquist responded that the 83 graduates in General Studies is comparable to the numbers over the last eight years and that they take the Academic Profile exit exam.

There was a question regarding retired administrators currently working under consulting agreements and what their role would be in the search for a new Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Jones responded that they would not serve on the search committee.

## **VII. Announcements**

### **A. Faculty Lecture Series**

Chris Hendricks

Will Lynch and Delana Nivens will give a lecture on "Light Induced Nano Transformations: The Good and the Bad of Biological and Environmental Nanophotochemistry" on November 18. The lecture will begin at noon in room 156 of University Hall.

### **B. Hiring Guidelines**

Deanna Cross

The new Hiring Guidelines booklet is now available for viewing online. Phyllis Panhorst will send instructions via email on how to access the document.

### **C. Omicron Delta Kappa**

Joe Buck

The university will soon have a chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. Please be sure to submit the names of students you would like to be considered for membership.

### **D. United Way**

Joe Buck

There are four days left in the United Way drive and we are \$2000 from our goal. Please consider donating.

**VIII. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:22.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis L. Panhorst  
Coordinator of Faculty Information

## *College of Arts and Sciences*

### *Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice*

Andrew Bruce Arnsdorff  
Kimberly Diane Odom  
Miranda G. Robinson  
Selethia Michelle Wilson

### *Associate of Arts*

Mona Ann Castro Agosto  
Narman Saleh Sinare Alhassan  
Sarah D. Barrett  
Haley Virginia Barton  
Jennifer D. Baucom  
Christina Ann Bowman  
Miriam Layla Cox  
Ross T. Dersch  
Michelle Renae Fortner  
Shannon Jean Gooding  
Angel N. Jones  
Jason John Keiser  
Mara Elizabeth King Harley  
Carmen Logan  
Ellen Hamilton Lynes  
Lisa Ann Mercer  
Shelley Catherine Merrick  
Aisha LaRae Michael  
C. Cloud Morgan  
Jennifer Marie Smith  
Marilyn R. Smith  
Victoria M. Treanor  
Dorothy G. Trimmer  
Kathleen Watson-Scott  
Joseph Shey Weaver  
John Anthony Wilson  
Alicia Joy Yarbrough  
Audrey Denise Ziegelmann

### *Bachelor of Arts*

#### *Art*

Glenda Althea Jones

#### *Economics*

Rachel Evelyn-Hanna Bates  
Antonio Z. Bean  
Brianna Joy Bellamy  
Zachary Graham Burdette

John Parker Cook  
Daniel Woodrow Hulse  
Darcey Corinne Krug  
Sarah Elizabeth Link  
Teri Ann Loveday  
Raymond Denis Morgan  
Lotty Viviana Munoz  
Brandon Lee Nunez  
Jonathon Seagraves  
Pamela Rene Wood

**English**

Christine Elizabeth Apps  
Donnette D. Brown-Ansah  
Rebecca J. Burge  
Kimberly Carter Exley  
Ellis Garvin  
Maria Katharine Helgeson  
Oakley Gayle Julian  
Aisha LaRae Michael  
Candace Nicole Perry  
Kelley Alissa Sanders  
Patrick James Wilson  
Joel P. Worth III

**History**

April Suzannah Coe  
Jessica-Ann Ryan Dimmitt  
Brian R. Gentry  
Terry Delane Kidd Jr.  
Eric Fulton Lasseter  
Frederick Thomas Lindsay  
Norris Moore Jr.  
Matthew Lee Perry  
Autumn Lee Rahn  
Nicholas A. Rorro Sr.  
Edward Lee Sledge Jr.

**Music**

Brian Kevin Carter  
Eric Demond Jones  
Timothy F. Nicholson

**Political Science**

Laura James Blackwelder  
Robert S. Bonzo  
Kristi Jane Clemo  
David Gordon Collins  
Elizabeth Adams Grider  
Jeffrey D. Grover



Melanie Dana Jenkins  
Brenda Levon Jones-Knight  
Ryan D. Kilgore  
Sharon E. Knight  
Melinda Beth McAllister  
Kevin Dean O'Donnell  
Erica Jennifer Reese  
Steven L. Sanders  
Elizabeth Sutton  
Hayley Anna Thompson  
Elenita M. Underwood

**Psychology**

Michael André Blair  
Ember Lynn Kemmerer  
Christina Leigh Larkin  
Tihesha Lemon-Deacon  
Melissa Ann Smith  
Kristen Laura VonWaldner  
Stacey Lynn Walker

**Spanish**

Sunja McKenzie Harris  
Sylvia M. Malavé  
Samuel Mendoza Jr.  
Rafael E. Oropesa  
Megan Elise Stern  
Nancy Luz Uvcuhuaranga

**Theatre**

Meredith Patricia Jessee  
Cheryl Anne Tech  
Molly Kathryn Yarrington  
Maureen Lynne Yasko

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**

**Visual Arts**

Johnathan Allan Boykin  
Jaime Lynn Kenard  
Gayle Marjorie Klar  
Steven Miles Petrea  
Stephanie Dickens Swinson

**Bachelor of General Studies**

Elizabeth M. Anderson  
Eric Brian Andrew  
Rhonda Jean Ashcraft

Angela Griffin Autry  
Amie Elaine Bautista  
Nichelle Renee Belair  
Amanda Marie Blewett  
Angela Marie Borsuk  
Leon Boyd  
Ronald William Brister  
Hollie Lynn Burke  
Elissa Denise Byrd  
Edgar Carson Jr.  
Launa C. Chamberlin  
Christine Marie Conaway  
Lakeisha Evette Cope  
Brandalyn Rosa Cox  
Mark D. Daley  
Debra Ingram Deems  
Sarah Anne DeWalt  
Robin Amanda Dixon  
Jordan Lacey Doyle  
Marsha Starr Duncan  
Robert Otis Ellington Jr.  
Rhea Lynn Ennist  
Christopher Lee Epperson  
Kimberly LaShawn Fairnot  
George Andrew Fidler  
Kristan Nicole Fretwell  
Rosemary Veal Frier  
James Trevel Fuller Jr.  
Tawnya Faye Gallagher  
Heather Catherine Geiger  
Michael J. Godbold  
Heather Jo Green  
Kathleen Dukes Guillot  
Rockie Hadley Jr.  
Katie Anne Harper  
Elizabeth Marie Hilderbrand  
Brittany Margaret Hinely  
Laura Leann Holt  
Cindy Michelle Igou  
Peter J. Kendall  
Stoney Lynn Kern  
Yolanda Yvette King  
Lorenzo West Lawrence Sr.  
J'Nai Melinia Leachman  
Kristen Frances Lewis  
Lori Jones Lewis  
Ashley Christopher Loyd  
Elvanzeta McCall  
Caitlin Maureen McDonald  
Quinta Janea Meggett-Mike

**Bachelor of General Studies – Cont.**

Attachment 1

W. Keith Mobley  
Sandra Stevens Montgomery  
Audrey Ann Fitts Morell  
Laura Frances Adelaide Wye Peaty  
Tonilynn Perotta  
Melissa Monika Pingley  
Lilli Yolanda Pope  
Gary L. Rainwater  
Robert Recuenco  
Carmel Price Roeder  
Amy Elizabeth Rose  
Candice Hope Royal  
Amanda L. Rushing  
Terri Elizabeth Sams-Snipe  
Jessica Lee Scholten  
Mirako Nicole Scott  
Robert Zachary Shelnett  
Jolita Fatema Simmons  
LaShonda Nicole Singleton  
Brian Lee Stafford  
Matthew William Sterrett  
Nicholas Edward Strauser  
Alacia Ann Thomas  
Michelle Levette Thomas-Goldman  
Lantie Paul Ward  
LeShawn D. Waters  
Susan Watts  
Krystal Moniqué Williams  
Patricia Ann Williams  
John Christoph Wooten

**Bachelor of Music Education**

Kristopher Paul Britt

**Bachelor of Science**

**Applied Physics**

Hassein Jerez Bashierian  
Clinton James Hammond  
Olakunle Olasola Olanubi

**Biology**

Kristina Catherine Andrews  
Stefanie Lynn Boyea  
Candace Marie Buckley  
Veronica Suzanne Campbell  
Rachel Leah Cooper  
Kimi R. Damassia

Brittany Marchyl Davis  
Dean R. Deese  
Ngu Duy Doan  
Tiffany Michelle Hentchel  
Kourtney Kristen Kuzeff  
Lisa Marie Nguyen

**Chemistry**

Beverly D. Harris  
Shiloh Humes  
Nguyen Truong Nguyen

**Criminal Justice**

Jennifer Leigh Albritton  
Ginger Lee Bagley  
Casime Paul Cadet-Aquino  
Shannon Marie Faust  
Michelle Alicia Freeny-Washington  
Michael Charles Ganem  
Sarah R. Gordon  
Cynthia M. Hernandez  
Ronald John Kort  
Jamie Lynn Maness  
Jason Reed McLendon  
Juanita Newsome  
Alvin D. Singh  
Ginger J. Stubbs  
Zachery Cade Westberry  
Delia Jane Williams  
Selethia Michelle Wilson

**Mathematical Sciences**

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Hassein Jerez Bashierian  
Terry Alan Dow  
Roberto Luis Garola  
Patrick Michael McClure  
Olakunle Olasola Olanubi  
Veronica Guadalupe Ruiz

**Bachelor of Science in Education**

**Early Childhood Education**

Anna Marie Barre  
Melissa C. Bonner  
Valarie LeeAnn Bonner  
Carla F. Brandon  
Angela Dee Brinkley  
Heather L. Brown  
Heather Johnson Carmichael  
Terri Thomas Carter  
Melissa Yvonne Colter  
Stacey Lauren Cowart  
Ashley Joan Cox  
Kathy Lea Evors  
Jamie Darlene Flantos  
Kayce Michelle Flynt  
Catrese E. Foreman  
Kimberly Dawn Barber Francis  
Shiree Erin Gabelman  
Amy Elizabeth Harden  
Elizabeth M. Haworth  
M. Levi Herrin  
Tammy D. Hickson  
Jennifer Lee Hutchinson  
Rebecca Mishael Kinsey  
Kevin Joseph Knight  
Lori Sullivan Knight  
Brenda Diane Lance  
Telisa A. Lee  
Jennifer C. Love  
Ruth Ann Martin  
Lori S. Maxey  
Christie Melissa Morris  
Paige Allen Nobles  
Christina G. Outlaw  
Shannon Rena Patterson  
Kimberly Diane Brock Pruitt  
Kimberly Ann Richardson  
Kimberly Halen Simmons  
Cindy Lou Stanic  
Michelle Lynn Stephens  
Lois Brooks Stitt  
Jennifer Janelle Strickland  
Angela Morris Summerford  
Brittany Michelle Surrency  
Tiffany Renee Thomas  
Diana J. Thompson  
Katie J. Wallace

**Early Childhood Education – Cont.**

Shanan Renee Flowers Westberry  
Brenda Lee Whitley  
Cassy D. Williams

**Health and Physical Education**

Jincy Palmer Hinely  
Kristen Erin Kelley  
Debra Jenice Puckett-Samuels  
George Ashley Walker

**Middle Grades Education**

Carolyn Marie Houston Clark  
Zelda Reneé Johnson  
Crystal Merie Jordon  
Jessica A. Morgan  
Erica Roland Smith  
Sean Alexander Strickland  
Kellin Amanda Wages

***Bachelor of Health Science***

Marie A. Barney  
Andera Sarah Carter  
Ida Alicia Daughtry  
Gabrielle Dorothy Franks  
Meaghan Thérèse Hayes  
Yasmeen Latifa Johnson  
Vicki Sheree Martinez  
Michael Thomas McElveen  
Skiyisha Ahanisha Mitchell  
Kelly Marie Mizell  
Rushali K. Naik  
Claret Ijeoma Njoku-Onukogu  
Tierra Lynett Patterson  
Amanda Nicole Robinson  
Justin Glynn Saxon  
Candice Simmons  
Sherri L. Teixeira  
Erinn Elizabeth Thompson  
Ann Marie Whitaker

***Bachelor of Science***

***Physical Therapy***

Kristie Nicole Mullis  
Yvonne Minh Ta

***Respiratory Therapy***

Christopher Michael Meek  
Audrey Marcel Mitchell-Carpenter  
Jody C. Page  
Regina Rena Price

***Bachelor of Science in Education***

***Speech Language Pathology***

Naomi Calysta Ricker

**Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology**

Attachment 1

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Robert L. Childers Jr.  
Laurie M. Godbee  
Chad Paul Guilliams  
Debra Diana Herrin  
Janella Esther Lal  
Jennifer Maria LeFebvre  
Lori Marie Massalon  
David Herman McLoon  
Mary Hale Nelson  
Chetaachi Geshclay Prather  
Janice Diana Smith  
Ericka Sue Stewart

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Kelli Lynn Alexander  
Michelle Blount  
Jacqueline Ann Borden  
Thema Joannique Brooks  
Chrishonda Chanel Brown  
Allison M. Bunton  
Emily Anne Childs  
Tara Elizabeth Cobb  
Nikki F. Cole  
Debra Kaye Corman  
James Brannan Crockett  
Erin R. Edwards  
Brenda L. Forinash  
Donna Eugenia Geiger  
Shirley Richardson Grant  
Robertha Melanie Hall  
Archie Ricardo Hayes  
Lori Schmitt James  
Lapma Jitlada  
Rachel Joanne Kill  
Katrina Michelle Kittles  
Kelsey Suzanne Knutson  
Barbara S. Lane  
Po C. Lin  
Miriam Kathleen McDonald  
Leslie Marie Metz  
April Nicole Moyer  
Heather O'Brien  
Tammy Nicole Olding  
Aldreka Dwane O'Neal-Brown  
Janet Friedman Owens  
Jovana Marie Paez  
Sherry Denise Parker



**Bachelor of Science in Nursing- Cont.**

Kimberly Hope Perdue  
Delores Paige Richardson  
Tamra Sappington  
Melanie E. Savanich  
Katherine M. Slater  
Margaret Elisabeth Stalcup  
Susan Michele Thompson  
Sylvia Bacon Turner  
Lisa Emily Valeron  
Brandi Moore Webb  
Martha Green Weston  
Shaine Richelle Wilcox  
Candace Watkins Willis  
Carolyn Annette Wilson  
Gloria Darlene Wilson-Glemboski

**Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**

Kelly Elizabeth Andrews  
Richard Tyler Burgner  
Connie Bagwell Burke  
Tayeck A. Temesgen  
Daniel L. Whalen

# *School of Computing*

Attachment 1

## **Bachelor of Information Technology**

Sally Jane Braid  
Chutney Maria Brown  
Anthony B. Creed  
Michael Edward Holley  
Michael Douglas Houser  
Michael Jezt  
LaKisha LaShawn Sanders  
Logan P. Sevier  
Michael Edward Vines  
LaWanda Denise Wilson

## **Bachelor of Science**

### **Computer Science**

Yvonne M. Butler  
Virabout Sriratanakoul

## Faculty Governance

The following summary shows the history of the current Faculty Governance discussion starting with the inception of the Task Force. Excerpts from the minutes of the Faculty Meetings and the Executive Committee meetings are included.

The full report of the Task Force may be viewed at:

<http://www.vpres.armstrong.edu/vp/FacultyGovernance/FacultyGovernance.html>

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**April 2004 -- Task Force on Faculty Governance formed by the Executive Committee.**

**January 27, 2005 -- Report of the Task Force on Faculty Governance completed.**

**February 7, 2005 -- Report of the Task Force on Faculty Governance presented to Executive Committee**

**February 14, 2005 -- Report of the Task Force on Faculty Governance presented to the Faculty**

**February 23 & 24 -- Faculty Forum 1 held.**

**March 21 & 24 -- Faculty Forum 2 held**

**April 4, 2005 -- From the Executive Committee minutes:**

"After holding 4 forums on faculty governance, the prevailing sentiment expressed by those who attended is that fixing our current system of governance may be preferable to moving to a faculty senate or other new system.

It was decided that the minutes taken at the forums should be posted on the Executive Committee's website and that feedback should be asked at the next faculty meeting."

**April 11, 2005 -- From the Faculty Meeting minutes:**

"The minutes from the four faculty forums are now available for viewing at the Executive Committee website. While attendance was low, the discussions were good. More forums may be held in the future to continue the discussion. Possible topics would be goals, obstacles, and how to achieve those goals.

The Task Force on Faculty Governance had recommended in their report that after the forums were held, the faculty should be asked to vote on alternate forms of governance as early as the April (current) faculty meeting. It is felt as a result of the forums that it is too early to hold any kind of vote and that the dialogue should be continued in the fall.

The Executive Committee will put the issue of an alternate form of faculty governance (possibly a faculty senate) on their agenda for fall. However, if a faculty member wished to bring a motion at any time to vote on establishing a faculty senate, they could do that without waiting for the Executive Committee to bring forward a recommendation.

It is felt that there have already been positive outcomes from the forums. The Finance Committee has been reconstituted, and the manner in which committees function has been scrutinized. There have also been efforts at making our current governance structure more effective by following the bylaws, such as putting out a call for agenda items to all faculty members and calling for committee reports in the meetings."

**August 8, 2005 -- From the Executive Committee minutes:**

"It was questioned whether the Executive Committee should follow-up on the faculty governance forums held last spring, and what form that follow-up should take. The Faculty Governance Task Force had recommended in their report that a vote on an alternative form of governance be held at the April 2005 faculty meeting. The general feeling expressed at the forums was that it would be better to try to work at making the current governance structure more effective, so the Executive Committee deferred bringing up a vote in April. However, the forums had very small attendance.

It was decided that Joyce Bergin, Greg Anderson, and John Kraft would be asked to distill the ideas from the forums and the task force report and present them to the Executive Committee in September. After review and discussion at the September meeting, it was felt that the committee would be in a better position to decide whether a vote on alternative forms of governance should be held at the September faculty meeting, or whether the discussion of how to proceed from this point should be brought to the faculty."

**September 12, 2005 -- From the Executive Committee minutes**

"Dr. Bergin did a recap on the topic of faculty governance, beginning with the formation of the Task Force on Faculty Governance in April 2004 and ending with the Faculty Forums in the Spring of 2005. After some discussion, it was decided that the Executive Committee should present a summary to the faculty at the October faculty meeting, reviewing the changes that came out of the forums (i.e., a return to the Bylaws, the calling for committee reports at the faculty meetings, etc.), and then ask the faculty to vote on whether to continue as-is or go to a different form of faculty governance."

**Proposal to Discontinue Early Submission of Final Grades for Graduation Candidates and the Issuance of Diplomas at Commencement**

1. Faculty will not be required to submit final grades early for graduation candidates. All grades will be submitted by the final grade submission deadline each term.
2. All graduation candidates will be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony. A diploma cover containing a certificate of degree candidacy will be presented to each candidate at commencement.
3. Academic honors will be awarded based on the previous term's Overall GPA.
4. Upon verification of degree completion, degrees will be posted on academic transcripts and diplomas mailed (approximately 3-6 weeks after commencement).

This proposal has been approved by the academic deans and is now forwarded to the Executive Committee for review.

9-26-05











