

**SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, August 23, 2005
Wright Center
11:15 A.M.

Call to Order: Nancy Whitt, President of the Faculty Senate

Invocation: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for May 2005 meeting were approved as posted on the faculty senate web page. Motion for approval was made by **Jennings Marshall** and seconded by an *unidentified person*.

Election of Chairs of Standing Committees: **Tina Duffey** displayed a list of all people who were nominated to the position of committee chairs. **Tina** thanked all the people who were taking on the assignment of being committee chairs. **Nancy** opened the floor for nominations. **David Dedo** recommended **Charlotte Brammer** to be the chair of the university writing committee. **Paul Aucoin** moved to close the nominations, which was seconded by **Betsy Dobbins**. Since there was no competition for any of the positions, a general vote was held for all positions and all nominated were elected. Here is the list of all committee chairs for the 2005-2006 academic year:

Committee on Academic Affairs	Janie Kennedy
Committee on Athletics	Ralph Gold
Committee on Business Affairs and Faculty Welfare	Les Ennis
Committee on Curriculum	Kathryn Fouse
Committee on Diversity	Andy Webster
Committee on Elections	Tina Duffey
Committee on Stud Affairs, Relig Life, & Univ Relat	David Shipley
Committee on University Learning Resources	Larry Harper
Committee on University Writing	Charlotte Brammer

Old Business: **Nancy Whitt** indicated that the old business was printed on the meeting agenda distributed prior to the meeting. The old business is copied here for reference:

- 1. The Diversity Committee has drafted a preliminary statement on diversity and committee members continue to meet with Student Life and the Administration on special issues.*
- 2. Learning Resources will maintain contact with the University Relations concerning the Samford web page. At issue are various concerns including the looks, ease of use, diversity commitments, and overall purpose of the site.*
- 3. The full Senate has not been presented with the overall plans for parking.*
- 4. The full Senate has not received a final report from the committee on integrity concerning student cheating and other concerns.*
- 5. The ad hoc committee on Academic Freedom has reported to faculty, but has not called for specific responses.*

New Business: **Nancy Whitt** asked if there were any items from any of the committee chairs. There being no new items from the chairs, **Nancy** asked if there was any other new business. **Paul Blanchard** asked **Nancy** to describe the remarks she made to the presidential selection committee. **Nancy** responded that she had solicited information from the faculty on campus this summer and made a written statement of points that were left to the trustees. **Nancy** then stated that she would send that document out over the faculty list-serv.

Announcements: **Nancy Whitt** opened the floor for any announcements. The following announcements were made:

1. **Tim Banks** announced that he is the faculty advisor for a men's professional music fraternity. He will be sponsoring a men's glee club called the "Bulldog Glee Club", and it is open to all faculty, staff, alumni, etc... and their spouses. There will be a \$5 taco dinner / organizational meeting, Thursday, September 1 at 5PM before the first ball game.
2. **John Sally** asked for **Nancy** to post the report by the committee on parking. **Nancy** agreed to post the report.
3. **David Finn**, director of the Children's Learning Center, asked about the status of the proposal to change the [tax] deduction from \$80 / month to a certain percentage [of the employee's salary]. **Brad Creed** responded that he would follow-up on this.
4. **Hugh Floyd** made an invitation for people to join AAUP, the single organization on campus related to academic tenure and freedom. The organization has a modest annual membership fee.
5. **David Dedo** announced that the Communication Resource Center has opened up in Brooks Hall, Room 222. There will be a dessert and open house tomorrow (Aug 24) from 1-2PM.

There being no further announcements, **Nancy Whitt** adjourned the meeting.