



UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE RECORD

Minutes

A special meeting of the Bucknell University Faculty was called to order on Tuesday, 28 August 2007 at 12:02 p.m. with Faculty Chair Marty Ligare presiding. University President Brian Mitchell welcomed everyone briefly.

1. Introduction of New Faculty and Staff

President Brian Mitchell introduced new Chief Officer for Diversity and Equity Rolando Arroyo-Sucre, and Chief of Staff Dave Myers, who will also serve as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. President Mitchell provided a brief biography of the new Dean of Student Services Susan Hopp, and new Catholic Chaplain Michael Letteer, as well as Chief Investment Office Christopher Brown, and Director of Media Relations Tom Evelyn. Also, President Mitchell proceeded to announce the appointment of Jim Rice to Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Bill Kenny to Associate Dean of the Faculty for the College of Arts and Sciences, and Marge Kastner to Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Next, President Mitchell reported briefly on the near completion of two searches: one for Chief Information Officer and the other for the Director of the Offices of Strategy and Implementation. In the absence of questions, the floor was given to Provost Mary DeCredico, who in turn welcomed everybody.

Then, acting Dean of Arts & Sciences Chris Zappe introduced 44 new faculty members, and Dean of Engineering Jim Orbison introduced 9 new faculty members.

Director of Library Services Nancy Dagle completed the round of presentations with the introduction of Metadata Librarian Laura Riskedahl.

The complete Report on Appointments to Staff, Leaves, and Departures is attached to these minutes.

2. Announcements and Remarks by the Chair of the Faculty

Faculty Chair Ligare reminded everyone of the schedule for Faculty meetings which are ordinarily held at noon on the first Tuesday of September, October, November, December, February, March, and April. If business is not completed by 12:52, the meeting will automatically be adjourned at that time, and it will continue at noon on the third Tuesday of the month. (This year the second meetings in October and November are scheduled on the second Tuesday because of vacation schedules.)

Professor Ligare also insisted on the fact that Bucknell has a tradition of strong faculty participation in the governance of the University, and that monthly faculty meetings are an important aspect of the responsibilities of members of the faculty.

Finally, Faculty Chair Ligare announced a number of critical upcoming agenda items this academic year such as the examination of the governance system, and the shaping of the Comprehensive Campaign around the articulation of learning goals in connection with continued academic planning and curriculum revision.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Professor Jamie Hendry took the floor and welcomed back the undersigned, who in turn thanked Professor Hendry for her dedicated work as interim Faculty Secretary for the 2006-2007 academic year.

The August 2007 meeting of the Bucknell University Faculty was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philippe C. Dubois
Secretary of the Faculty