The meeting was called to order at 15:08 in Science & Engineering Room 2-49.

The minutes of the Faculty Meeting of April 9, 2008 were approved without dissent.

**President’s Report**

Vice Admiral Craine

Prof. Hoffman addressed the following in light of the President’s attendance at the birth of his first grandchild:

- The current incoming class is the largest in the college’s history.
- There has been a 3% cut in the overall college budget, with an additional 7% expected. Some low-enrollment sections have been cut, and some new hires have been postponed to preserve full-time positions. Also, as this is an election year, changes or corrections to current budget trends may occur in January.
- Capital improvements remain underway, including the new academic building, engineering lab improvements, expansion of the bridge simulator, etc.
- New college ranking data is available on the college website.
- In athletics, the following received recognition as Coach of the Year: Prof. Vecchio in Swimming; Capt. Germany in Riflery; Prof. Driscoll in Cross-country; and Gen. Wolf was named All-Military Coach of the Year.
- The Admiral extends his thanks for what the faculty does on a daily basis, and reminds them that he is open to guest lectures in their classes.

**Vice-President for Academic Affairs (VPAA)/Provost Report**

Prof. Hoffman

- Farewell to Capt. Harold Fleureton, recently deceased.
- Kim Cline has become the president of Mercy College; Joe Schaeffer and Deidre Whitman have also moved to Mercy.
- Prof. Traub has been promoted to Associate Provost and Academic Dean.
- Tardis Johnson has been promoted to Associate Dean.
- Prof. Johansson has been promoted to Vice Chair for Professional Education and Training (PET).

New hires:

- Jack Whittaker, VPA/CFO
- Jonathan White, Dean of Admissions
- Richard Hack, Athletic Director
- Science Department: Prof. Ahn; Prof. Galant (visiting); Prof. Lecosia; Prof. Ahmed
- Humanities Department: Prof. Holmes; Prof. Rosenfeld; Prof. Malloy
- Library: J. Williams; G. Murphy
- GBAT: Prof. McCabe; Prof. Charlton

Also discussed:

- The status of the search for a Chancellor of the SUNY system was addressed. Prof. Hoffman noted that five candidates have been interviewed, but no other information on the issue is known.
- A question was raised as to whether new tennis courts are being planned to replace courts lost due to campus expansion. No information was immediately available.
Presiding Officer

- The P.O. thanks the faculty for entrusting him with the position, and confirms that continuity of the bow tie will be maintained.
- The P.O. will attend the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting in Potsdam.

Standing Committees:

- CAP - Committee on Appointments and Promotions: Prof. Mathieson
  - The committee’s annual report was submitted to the faculty.
  - Recommendations for discretionary salary increases should already be submitted – the DACs are currently considering the recommendations.

- CONE - Committee on Nominations and Elections: Prof. McMillan
  - The committee’s annual report was submitted to the faculty.
  - An updated listing of committee memberships has been distributed – errors and corrections are requested. The listings as distributed are currently reflected on the faculty governance webpage.

- CC – Curriculum Committee Prof. Levy
  - The committee’s annual report was submitted to the faculty.

- FAC – Faculty Assessment Committee Prof. Sturges
  - The committee’s annual report was submitted to the faculty.
  - Academic year 2008-2009 assessment of general outcomes in: 1) Basic Communication; 2) Social Sciences (fall 2008); c) Western Civilization; 4) Other World Civilizations.
  - Newly instituted faculty day at the end of the semester will be on Tue. Dec. 16th. Prof. Hoffman noted that this self-assessment activity satisfies requirements of SUNY, ABET and Middle States. The assessment day, which is modeled after the successfully completed engineering assessment organized by Prof. Levert as part of ABET requirements, will be followed by a cocktail reception courtesy of the Provost. The effort will be co-chaired by Prof. Sturges and Prof. Levert. Specific details of the day will be discussed at the next faculty meeting.

- FPC – Faculty Policy Committee Prof. Massano
  - The committee’s annual report was submitted to the faculty.
  - A proposal was made to the faculty to recognize Professional Education and Training (PET) as an academic department of the college. Extensive discussion followed as to the details of the rationale for creation of the department, which specific courses are to be offered, reorganization of current course offerings, license issues, etc. The question was called and the proposal passed without objection.
Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of September 24, 2008

• SPC – Student Policy Committee
  o The committee’s annual report was submitted to the faculty.

• Faculty Senator
  No report.

• Old Business:
  None outstanding.

• New Business:
  o At the recent faculty senate meeting, two issues of interest were raised: cheating and campus greening efforts. The SPC expressed interest in hearing about incidents of cheating from the faculty. Prof. Nadolny will be meeting with Prof. Hoffman and the facilities department to discuss possible green initiatives on campus.
  o SEVIS reporting is due by Friday; faculty may respond via printed rosters as usual, or may elect to respond via email. The reporting categories are: Not attending/Never attended/Attending but not registered.
  o In lieu of the usual Freshman Grade Level meeting, Tardis Johnson requests that the names of underperforming (C- or below) freshman/4C students be sent to him via email.
  o Attention was drawn to problems with lighting timers in classrooms, which are exhibiting a tendency to shut off lights during class, causing some distraction.
  o A request was made to improve garbage management, particularly in regards to odors, in and around Van Der Clute Hall. Prof. Hoffman recommends that emails be sent directly to William Rueger in facilities to alert him to any problems.
  o The status of the search for the Chief Engineer of the Training Ship was discussed. In particular it was noted that the search committee had not met as of the date of the faculty meeting, and that it is not clear how widely the position has been advertised. Prof. Hoffman indicated that he will look into the issue in the near term.

• The meeting was adjourned at 16:36.

Respectfully submitted,

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