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## CAS Faculty Council

### Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2007

Present: Susan Fernandez, Hugh LaFollette, Rebecca Johns, Sheramy Bundrick, Chris Meindl, Tom Hallock, Martine Fernandes, Joani Spadaro, John Arthur, Jim Krest, Eric Odgaard, Jim Gore  
Visiting: Keith White

Minutes of the last FAC meeting were approved.

Unanimous approval offered for changes submitted by History and Political Science Division, pending changes to title of Division Coordinator  
Unanimous approval of Language and Literature and Psych.

Susan Fernandez nominated Jim Gore as Vice Chair. Seconded and unanimously approved.

The issue of identifying someone to run electronic elections was tabled for further discussion. The viability of establishing a list with each faculty member identified by a six character code might eliminate the possibility of voting errors as occurred in the past.

Maintaining the college calendar: the Council unanimously approved that the Dean appoint someone in the Dean's office to keep the college calendar current

Tom Hallock discussed the faculty retention report and the recommendations that were provided by former colleagues. The Council unanimously agreed to try to establish in the Fall an ad hoc or other committee to consider some of the issues raised regarding faculty retention. The report will be shared with the Interim Vice Chancellor and the new Dean.

Regarding the Tenure and Promotion Committee approval for the new Dean: The Dean must first select the Division with which he will be affiliated so that the process can begin. The 2006-2007 T& P committee for CAS will be asked to return and consider.

Discussion of status of Divisions. Jim Gore raised the question of the possibility of creating new Divisions or recombining others and whether a written proposal was necessary. The Council noted that changes might be anticipated in the coming year or so as Divisions carried out their tasks and the guidelines for creating Divisions should be followed.

Discussion of changes in college bylaws. The changes in bylaws to reflect the creation of Divisions in the college were discussed and approved by the Council unanimously. These will be submitted to the CAS faculty by ballot for full faculty approval.

Discussion of ending the use of the Google email board. Discontinuation was unanimously approved.

Members discussed the problem of support staff for Division needs. The Council agreed to request assignment of student assistants through the Dean's office.