The University Faculty
The University of Richmond

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 15, 2004

Provost June Aprille called the special meeting to order at 12:35 PM in Brown-Alley Room of Weinstein Hall.

Joe Kent, chair of the Faculty Handbook Steering Committee, presented three proposals for Handbook changes (http://www.mathcs.richmond.edu/~jkent/HANDBOOK/proposals.html; see attached).

Proposal 1 was approved unanimously.

Prof. Hall moved that editorial changes to Proposal 2 be treated separately (see attached). The motion was approved. Change #1 was approved unanimously. Change #2 was withdrawn by Prof. West and the alternative proposed by the Handbook Committee was approved unanimously. Change #3 died for lack of second. Change #4 was approved unanimously. Change #5 was defeated. Changes #6-#8 were defeated. An extensive discussion ensued on what constituted a “summary” and the necessity for it to be provided at every level of a negative tenure decision. Prof. Kerckhove moved to reword Section 2, paragraph five to specify that a summary of the contents of a candidate’s portfolio is what is required rather than any kind of an explanation. The motion died for lack of second. Proposal 2 was approved with two nay votes.

Prof. Abrash moved to separate the Arts and Sciences portion from Proposal 3 to be voted upon separately. The motion was approved. Prof. Abrash moved to amend Proposal 3 by striking the last clause of paragraph two under Service: “though it cannot substitute for one’s duties as a faculty member of the University.” The motion to amend died for lack of second. Proposal 3 was approved unanimously.

Prof. Hall moved that the issue of summaries provided at every level of negative tenure decisions be referred to Faculty Council for consideration. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson, Secretary