John Carroll University Minutes of Faculty Forum Meeting April 20, 2005

The scheduled meeting was delayed due to lack of a quorum. During the delay, reports were heard on the presidential search (Jim Swindal, (PL), on a survey of faculty regarding faculty development priorities and issues (Matt Berg, HS), on the University core curriculum (Bob Kolesar, MT), and on the Forum (Ernie DeZolt, SC).

At 4:30 p.m. a quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order.

Brent Brossman (CO), chair of the Forum ad hoc committee on the constitution, presented the proposal for the Constitutional Amendment to Change Voting Procedures. Carl Spitznagel (MT) offered an amendment from the floor to change the needed quorum from 20 percent to 15 percent; there was no second, and the proposal was sent out to a mail ballot unchanged.

Karen Gygli (CO), chair of the Faculty Service Committee, presented the ballot for spring elections. There were no additions or changes to the ballot from the floor.

Mark Treleven (MN) presented two proposals from the Finance Committee. The first was the Proposal on Faculty Salaries. A question from the floor was to what extent there had been discussion with the administration regarding the proposal. Dr. Treleven replied that there had been a sharing of information, but that the proposal should be viewed as a faculty proposal to the administration, not as an agreement. Fred Travis (HS) noted that it was his recollection that previous salary standards referred to in the proposal were administration initiatives. Barbara D'Ambrosia (MT) offered an amendment from the floor to change "average salary" to "median salary" in the statement of goals; the amendment was accepted as friendly. The proposal was sent out to a mail ballot with that change.

The second proposal presented by Dr. Treleven was the Proposal on Retiring Faculty Compensation. After a motion to refer the proposal back to the committee by Dr. Travis, and considerable discussion, Dr. Treleven, on behalf of the Finance Committee, withdrew the proposal from consideration.

On behalf of the Forum, Dr. DeZolt thanked Yemi Akande (CO) for her service as secretary of the Forum. Dr. Travis moved an expression of thanks to Bob Kolesar (MT) for his service as Director of the University Core Curriculum.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Bob Kolesar (HS)