

**Faculty Forum**  
**September 27, 2006**  
**2:00-3:30pm**  
**Dolan Auditorium**  
**Minutes**

1. Miles Coburn called the meeting to order.
2. Carl Spitznagel verified the faculty voting list on behalf of the Faculty Service Committee. There are 225 voting faculty members (5 people on leave), which means 35 faculty members are required for quorum. The nominations for Budget Committee were officially closed, and Carl announced that the voting for the Arts and Sciences representative on the Budget Committee will take place in two stages because of the number of nominees. Carl also alerted faculty to the new electronic voting system and fielded questions and comments about the new system
3. Department chairs were introduced by Dean Linda Eisenmann and Associate Dean Karen Schuele, who in turn introduced new faculty members.
4. Vice President for Enrollment Brian Williams gave an overview of the First Year class and fielded questions and comments. (overview available on the website)
5. Lauren Bowen gave an overview of the Arrupe Scholars proposal and fielded questions. Mindy Peden made a motion to send the proposal out for a vote to faculty. Marcy Milota seconded. The motion passed, with one faculty member opposed.
6. Paul Lauritzen announced the Mission and Identity Initiative that the Forum Executive Committee has initiated. He talked about the goals of the initiative and how the committee decided that the best way to achieve the goals of a faculty-led and centered mission discussion was to bring in speakers. He announced that there will be two speakers this year. The first will be Harry Lewis on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 from 3-4:30pm. The second speaker will be June Ellis sometime in early February.
7. Bob Kolesar (Mathematics and Computer Science) gave an update on issues that the Faculty handbook Committee has been working on. The first issue is that the committee has been working on a draft of an amendment to incorporate the Faculty governance Assembly proposal that passed through the Forum last year. The process for this amendment will be further revisions, open hearings, presentation to the Forum, a vote by faculty, and then within 90 days the Trustees will have to respond. The second issue that the committee is working on, in conjunction with Linda Eisenmann, Lisa Mencini, Sally Wertheim, Nick Santilli, and Frank Navratil, is an examination of the Handbook Part 4, section 3, sub clause B, Article 3. This has to do with moving contract dates and will have repercussions to the due date of faculty self-evaluations.
8. Lauren Bowen, as chair of the FFEC sanctioned Committee to examine Academic Advising, solicited feedback on Academic Advising. She announced that the report will be given at the next Forum meeting, but that the committee wanted some feedback about what they have learned so far. The main question she asked

faculty to consider was what kinds of resources and support would faculty need in order to effectively advise? A lengthy discussion ensued, with the major theme being the status of freshman/sophomore advising by intended major or not.

9. The meeting was adjourned.

*Minutes submitted by Mindy Peden*