

MINUTES OF THE HOLLINS UNIVERSITY FACULTY
August 29, 2008

- I. The opening meeting of the faculty of Hollins University for the 2008-2009 academic year was held on Friday, August 29, 2008 in the Green Drawing Room. Nancy Gray, president, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. She welcomed the faculty to the new year and thanked those who made presentations at the recent faculty retreat. The president gave a quick profile of new students as of today: 213 first-year students, 34 transfers and 28 Horizon students; 16% are students of color; 3.5 average high school GPA; 1137 SAT and 25 ACT averages. For returning students, it is estimated that 75% of the class of 2011 will return. The president detailed summer work on campus buildings and facilities, and announced that the 2007-08 budget balanced and that the endowment spending rate for the new budget is down to 5 ¾%. The value of the endowment is about \$120 million. She thanked the faculty for their evaluation of her work and looked ahead to this year's continued work on campus communication and the strategic plan. Public announcement of the campaign is scheduled for November 1.
- II. Dan Derringer, chair of the faculty thanked those who organized and presented at faculty retreat. He discussed his goals for improving communication between faculty and administration. A new order in the agenda for meetings this year will put reports and information first, followed by the business of the faculty, with time planned after for discussion on announced issues.
- III. The minutes of the May 6, 2008 faculty meeting were approved.
- IV. Academic policy committee. Thorpe Moeckel, committee chair, presented one class, English 150, Crime Fiction, for approval of GenEd perspectives aesthetic analysis and modern and/or contemporary worlds. The faculty approved suspension of the rules in order to vote, and approved the proposal.
- V. Faculty executive committee. Mr. Derringer presented a proposal to change the composition of the student scholarship committee, replacing the phrase "two students" with "two current Batten Scholars, with preference given to Batten Scholars who are enrolled in the Batten Leadership Institute." After discussion about the function of the committee and about scholarship awards the faculty approved the proposal.
- VI. Jeanine Stewart, vice president for academic affairs, introduced new members of the faculty, welcomed back those who had been on leave last year, and congratulated newly promoted faculty: Juergen Fleck and Dan Murphy to full professor and Morgan Wilson to associate.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.