

MINUTES OF THE HOLLINS UNIVERSITY FACULTY

October 21, 2008

- I. A regular meeting of the faculty of Hollins University was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 in the Green Drawing Room. Nancy Gray, president, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and introduced Meredith Hunter.
- II. Meredith Hunter, vice president, external relations, invited faculty to let the development office know of their plans for conference travel. Alumnae would like to hear from faculty in their home towns.
- III. President's Message. Ms. Gray addressed the economic crisis and Hollins' financial position. The university is in a relatively strong position, with no debt and balanced budgets in recent years, but adjustments will be necessary in the 2008-09 budget, beginning with a five percent reduction in operating budgets and further action in the spring possible. Next year will be a challenging year financially, but it will be months before we know details. Ms. Gray urged the faculty to work together and stay positive, especially with their students. All are invited to attend the campaign kick-off events during family weekend.
- IV. The minutes of the September 16, 2008 faculty meeting were approved.
- V. Academic policy committee. Thorpe Moeckel, committee chair, presented for approval PHED 247: Tai Chi for Health. Approved.
- VI. October graduates. Tom Mesner, registrar, presented the names of 44 graduate students and five undergraduates who have completed degree requirements, and they were approved by the faculty.
- VII. Jeanine Stewart, vice president for academic affairs, described recent losses of textbooks from the bookstore and urged all to be cautious when working with book buyers who visit campus periodically.
- VIII. Hollins' Carbon Footprint. Renee Godard, professor of biology, addressed the faculty about climate change, carbon footprints of institutions, and Hollins' efforts to reduce energy consumption. This year, our goal is to develop a strategic plan to become carbon neutral.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.