

ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MEETING of September 28, 2009  
McKenna Auditorium  
3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Members present:** John Affleck-Graves, Panos Antsaklis, A.J. Bellia, Robert Bernhard, Ryan Brellinthin, Tom Burish, Rev. John Coughlin, O.F.M. Neil Delaney, Stephen Fallon, Mary Frandsen, John Gaski, Nasir Ghiaseddin, Gary Glynnis, Tom Gresik, Peter Kilpatrick, A. Graham Lappin, John LoSecco, Kelly Martin, Chris Maziar, Kathleen McDonald, John McGreevy, Scott Monroe, Nell Newton, Hugh Page, Cathy Pieronek, Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., Donald Pope-Davis, Joseph Powers, Ava Preacher, Bill Rayball, Keith Rigby, Grant Schmidt, Jim Seida, Cheri Smith, Greg Sterling, Ann Tenbrunsel, John Welle, Carolyn Woo, Jennifer Younger

**Members excused:** Laura Carlson, Greg Crawford, Dennis Doordan, Paul Huber, Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., Michael Lykoudis, William Nichols, Susan Ohmer

**Members absent:** Seth Brown, Dennis Jacobs, Lionel Jensen, Dale Nees, Julianne Turner

**Observers present:** Kevin Barry, Harold Pace

**Observers absent:** Brandon Roach, Daniel Saracino

**1. Opening prayer, Jennifer Younger**

Substituting for Fr. John Jenkins, Provost Burish convened Academic Council. He welcomed members and invited Jennifer Younger, director of Hesburgh Libraries, to give the opening prayer. In her prayer, Younger invoked Saint Jerome, the patron saint of libraries and translator of the Bible into Latin, whose saint's day is Wednesday, September 30.

**2. Approval of minutes**

Burish said the next order of business was to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2009 meeting. Chris Maziar so moved. Prof. Greg Sterling asked to make the following clarification on page two: Prof. Stephan Fallon suggested that voting might be streamlined by moving the threshold line "for nominees on the next ballot to above four votes".

No further comments being offered, Burish asked for a vote; the minutes with this change were unanimously approved.

### **3. Amendments to the *Academic Articles* Concerning the Graduate Council: Greg Sterling**

Burish said two amendments to the *Academic Articles* were offered for approval. (See attached document). The Executive Committee has determined these constitute minor changes to the *Articles*. The first involves a change of reporting for the School of Architecture. Having completed its transition to a professional school in July, 2009, it is no longer permitted an elected member to the Graduate Council. Instead, the Dean of the School of Architecture serves as an *ex officio* member.

The second change, Article IV, section 3 (e), arises from the splitting into two positions the one position which had been Vice President of Research and Dean of the Graduate School. In disaggregating all the functions of the original position, some minor adjustments were not properly articulated. The change proposed today simply clears up the language properly to convey the alterations to functions made previously.

Prof. Graham Lappin asked about the rationale behind a member of the Graduate Council being drawn from the research faculty. Prof. Sterling said that the words to which Lappin refers are not being modified by today's proposed change; instead, they are part of the original *Articles*. Therefore, Sterling said he did not have access to the original rationale, but offered that faculty belonging to the research faculty like to have representation on the Graduate Council. He said the current representative has been active and made numerous positive contributions. Lappin said he thought the language strange and asked if it would be deleted with the proposed changes. Sterling said no, the proposal is restricted to changes directly tied to the structural shift that occurred with the split of the position into two positions.

Burish asked for a vote as a block on the two proposed amendments. The vote to accept was unanimous.

### **4. New Business**

There was no new business.

### **5. Committee meetings.**

Burish said the Council would now adjourn to subcommittee meetings in designated rooms, according to the subcommittee roster distributed via email to members.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:40 p.m.