Dean Lauren Benton called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 120 faculty members were in attendance.

Professor Joel Harrington, chair of the History department, introduced Dean Benton to the faculty; Lauren Benton is the Nelson O. Tyrone, Jr. Chair in History and Professor of History. Dean Benton, in turn, introduced Cindy Kam, senior associate dean for faculty; Karen Campbell, senior associate dean for undergraduate education; and Keivan Stassun, senior associate dean for graduate education and research. She thanked these three faculty members for their time and effort.

1. **Appointment of the A&S Parliamentarian.**

Dean Benton appointed Professor Malcolm Getz as Parliamentarian of the faculty for 2015-2016. His appointment was approved by acclamation and applause.

2. **Election of the A&S Secretary of the Faculty.**

Dean Benton nominated Professor Robert Driskill, of the Economics department, as Secretary of the Faculty for the next two years. There were no other nominations, and Professor Driskill was elected, with applause.

Dean Benton thanked Professor Lesley Gill, *in absentia*, for serving as A&S Secretary of the Faculty for 2013-2015.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of May 5, 2015.**

There were no comments or questions, and the Minutes were approved.

4. **Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of September 1, 2015.**

Professor Laura Carpenter, Secretary of Faculty Council, explained that Professor Tiffiny Tung, Chair of Faculty Council, was unable to attend. She then asked if there were any comments or questions about the draft Minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of September 1st; there were none.

Professor Carpenter noted that Vanderbilt faculty members have access to the Faculty Council website; login to the site using a VUnetID. She also explained that A&S faculty members may attend Council meetings, although visitors do not normally have speaking privileges. Faculty Council meetings are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month during the academic year. If faculty members have any questions or concerns, please contact Professor Tung.
Professor Carpenter explained that Faculty Council is discussing several important issues this year: 1. **Joint appointments**: Council is revisiting the issue of voting rights for individuals with secondary appointments and is examining the process by which joint appointments are made; 2. **Concur**. Although a new travel agency has been selected, the faculty has requested that Council continue to monitor issues surrounding Concur; 3. **Committee reports**: Faculty Council requested long term data trends from the Committee on Individual Programs (CIP) and demographic data for the last five years from the Admissions Committee on the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship program; and 4. **Global and international research**, including bringing international scholars to campus.

5. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the Summer Semester, August 7, 2015**.

Associate Dean Roger Moore moved that the Faculty of the College of Arts and Science recommend to the Board of Trust that it confer upon these candidates their degrees (a list of degree candidates is attached to these Minutes). His motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. **Introduction of new A&S Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty Members**.

Each newly-appointed A&S tenured or tenure-track faculty member was introduced to the faculty by his or her department chair, program director, or representative. A list of the new tenured and tenure-track faculty members is attached to these Minutes.

7. **Recognition of Significant Faculty Service Anniversaries**.

Dean Benton recognized A&S faculty members for their significant faculty service anniversaries: Having served 20 years at Vanderbilt are Jo Anne Bachorowski, Kenneth Catania, Andrew Daughety, Ava Due-Goodwin, Thomas Palmeri, Jennifer Reinganum, Peter Rousseau, Gieri Simonett, John Sloop, Holly Tucker, Mark Woelfle, and Yao Xu; having served 25 years are Sam Girgus, Holly McCammon, Mark Schoenfield, and Thomas Schwartz; having served 30 years are Karen Campbell, Vivien Fryd, Jon Hallquist, Terryl Hallquist, Timothy Hanusa, Steven Hollon, Charles Hughes, Thomas Kephart, Michael Kreyling, John Ratcliffe, and David Schlundt; having served 35 years are Kathryn Anderson, Daniel Cornfield, David McCauley, Marilyn Murphy, Volker Oberacker, Terry Page, Prasad Polavarapu, and Constantine Tsinakis; having served 40 years are Roy Gottfried and Charles Maguire; and having served 45 years are Philip Crooke and Michael Hodges. The faculty applauded all of these individuals for their dedicated service to Vanderbilt.

8. **Announcements from Dean Benton**.

Dean Benton presented four announcements:

a. **Concur**. Dean Benton reported that Vanderbilt has selected a new travel agency to complement and help operate the Concur travel and trip reimbursement program; there was faculty participation on the committee that contributed to making the selection. The changeover date will be announced soon. She noted that Concur will undergo a mid-year review, and there will be further opportunities to discuss Concur at Faculty Council meetings.
The A&S Dean’s Office, thanks to Josh Brewer, has streamlined the approval process within A&S for Concur-related expenses.

b. New computer policy. Dean Benton explained that Vanderbilt has instituted a new computer policy, which was announced at the end of the spring semester. The new policy shifts the responsibility for replacing computers on a life cycle basis to the schools and sets a standard package for the four-year life cycle of computers. For the most part, she said, the new policy enshrines the existing computer policy: New faculty members will purchase computers using their startup funds, and those computers will then begin their life cycle sequence. Other faculty members with annually-renewing research funds will purchase computers out of their research funds. Research funds may also be used to augment the standard computer package. The new policy will be posted on the Web when it has been finalized, after which further discussion can take place. In the meantime, A&S is tagging existing computers for life cycling in the following order—computers used for instructional purposes, computers used by administration and staff, and computers used by non-tenure-track faculty members.

c. A&S budget. Dean Benton explained that in fiscal year 2015 there were some cuts to department budgets, which were then restored in fiscal year 2016. Communications regarding these cuts and the restorations of the cuts were imperfect, she continued, and she pledged that communication will be better in the future. Dean Benton also noted that the Dean’s Office is still searching for a new business officer.

d. TIPs proposals. Dean Benton stated that October 23rd is the deadline for TIPs two page pre-proposals (TIPs = Trans-Institutional Programs). For the first time, she explained, the TIPs Council will consider interdisciplinary proposals from inside a single school; heretofore proposals had to be submitted by faculty members from more than one Vanderbilt school. This revision of the TIPs program will be posted soon.

9. Announcements and updates from Senior Associate Dean Karen Campbell.

Dean Campbell stated that an orientation program for new A&S faculty members will begin immediately after the meeting in Wilson 126.

She also explained that Cynthia Cyrus, Vice Provost of Learning and Residential Affairs, asked her to solicit program ideas for Vanderbilt’s new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Vanderbilt’s new QEP will focus on an aspect of Immersion Vanderbilt, which is a program to enhance undergraduate education at Vanderbilt, and is a key component of Vanderbilt’s Academic Strategic Plan. A new QEP is required as part of Vanderbilt’s reaffirmation of accreditation by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). The deadline for program ideas is October 15. For more information, see the Immersion Vanderbilt Quality Enhancement Plan website at http://www.vanderbilt.edu/strategicplan/action/immersion-qep.php

Dean Campbell stated that the undergraduate teaching and advising awards will be presented at the December A&S Faculty Meeting. More nominations for these awards are needed and consequently the deadline for nominations has been extended to October 16th at noon. An email announcement to this effect will be distributed soon.
Dean Campbell announced the newest cohort of Littlejohn Faculty Fellows: Professors Jo-Anne Bachorowski, Julián Hillyer (who will work with two students), Lynn Ramey, and Jonathan Rattner. She explained that these fellowships fund A&S faculty members who involve undergraduate students in their research. Information about their projects is available at http://as.vanderbilt.edu/academics/academicresources/researchopportunities/

10. Original Motion Calendar.

No issues were raised.

11. Good of the College.

Dean Benton reported that Professor Julian Wuerth of the Philosophy department was named the winner of the 2015 North American Kant Society Book Prize for his book *Kant on Mind, Action and Ethics* (Oxford University Press).

She announced that four A&S faculty members have been selected as 2015 Chancellor’s Faculty Fellows; they are Kelly Holley-Bockelmann, Jens Meiler, Bunmi Olatunji, and Rachel Teukolsky. The Chancellor’s Faculty Fellows Program was launched in September 2014 to support outstanding faculty members who have recently received tenure.

Dean Benton also announced that Professor Julia Cohen, of the Jewish Studies program, was presented with a Chancellor’s Award for Research at the August Faculty Assembly.

She also introduced and thanked members of the A&S Dean’s Office—Associate Deans Yollette Jones, Roger Moore, and Martin Rapisarda; Assistant to the Dean Melissa Wocher; and Administrative Manager Ginger Hitts. The faculty applauded all of these individuals for their work.

Dean Benton announced that an AXLE orientation session will begin immediately after the meeting in Wilson 103.


The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Driskill,
A&S Secretary of the Faculty