Minutes of the Faculty
College of Arts and Science

September 27, 2016

Dean Lauren Benton called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in Wilson Hall 103. Approximately 140 faculty members were in attendance.

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

   Dean Benton appointed Professor Malcolm Getz as Parliamentarian of the faculty for 2016-2017. His appointment was approved by acclamation and applause.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of May 10, 2016.**

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

3. **Review of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of September 6, 2016.**

   Professor David Weintraub, chair of Faculty Council, asked if there were any comments or questions about the draft Minutes of the September Faculty Council meeting; there were none.

4. **Executive Motion Calendar: First Reading—Proposed Revision of the A&S Constitution.**

   Professor Weintraub explained that at present six Faculty Council members are elected by academic division (two each from the Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences) and six Council members are elected at large. Under the proposed revision of the *A&S Constitution*, nine Council members would be elected by academic division and three would be elected at large. At the next Faculty Meeting, he continued, the A&S faculty will consider sending the proposal to an electronic ballot, and, if the revision were approved, the revised procedure would take effect for the 2017-18 Faculty Council elections. There were no comments or questions about the proposed revision.

5. **Approval of the Candidates for Degrees at the end of the Summer Semester, August 12, 2016.**

   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.**

   Dean Benton stated that it was a banner year for hiring; A&S has a wonderful set of new faculty members. She thanked all of the faculty members who participated in their recruitment. Each newly-appointed A&S tenured or tenure-track faculty member was
introduced to the faculty by his or her department chair 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 James Booth, Edward Fischer, Marc Froment-Meurice, Jonathan Gilligan, Anthère Nzabatsinda, Huixin Qi, Sandra Rosenthal, Kathryn Schwarz, and Dechao Zheng; having served 25 years are John Ayers, Beth Conklin, William Franke, Teresa Goddu, Yollette Jones, William Luis, M. L. Sandoz, Paul Sheldon, Helmut Smith, Leslie Smith, and David Weintraub; having served 30 years are Victoria Burrus, Mark Ellingham, Douglas Hardin, Thomas McGinn, Arleen Tuchman, and Sait Umar; having served 35 years is Leonard Folgarait; and having served 40 years is William Damon. The faculty applauded all of these individuals for their dedicated service to Vanderbilt.

8. Recognition of newly promoted faculty members.

Dean Benton recognized A&S faculty members for their recent promotions: Promoted to professor with tenure are Brian Bachmann, Brandt Eichman, Shane Hutson, Yoshi Igarashi, Jens Meiler, and Alan Wiseman; and promoted to associate professor with tenure are Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman, Lauren Clay, Markus Eberl, Ari Joskowicz, Claire King, Elizabeth Moodey, Vesna Pavlović, Efren Perez, Sean Polyn, Paul Stob, and Lijun Song.

9. Announcements and updates from Senior Associate Dean André Christie-Mizell.

Dean Christie-Mizell made two announcements: First, he will be presenting an orientation for new A&S faculty members on October 3rd at 4:10 p.m. in Wilson 126. Second, he will be meeting with A&S directors of undergraduate studies and other interested faculty members to talk about undergraduate education issues and upcoming initiatives on October 10th at 4:10 p.m. in Wilson 126.

10. Original Motion Calendar.

No issues were raised.

11. Good of the College.

No issues were raised.


The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Driskill
A&S Secretary of the Faculty
New Tenure-Track/Tenured Faculty, College of Arts and Science, Effective 2016-2017 Academic Year

**Department of Anthropology**
Jada Benn Torres, Associate Professor

**Department of Biological Sciences**
Nicole Creanza, Assistant Professor

**Department of Chemistry**
Lauren Elizabeth Buchanan, Assistant Professor

**Department of Communication Studies**
Jeffrey A. Bennett, Associate Professor of Communication Studies (January 2016)

**Department of Economics**
Andrew Jacob Goodman-Bacon, Assistant Professor
Mattias K. Polborn, Professor
Ariell Zimran, Assistant Professor

**Department of English**
Akshya Saxena, Assistant Professor

**Department of History**
Ari Z. Bryen, Assistant Professor of History and Classical and Mediterranean Studies
Brandon R. Byrd, Assistant Professor
Jefferson Cowie, Professor of History and James G. Stahlman Chair in American History
Kimberly M. Welch, Assistant Professor

**Department of Physics and Astronomy**
Alfredo Gurrola, Assistant Professor

**Department of Political Science**
Allison P. Anoll, Assistant Professor
Noam Lupu, Associate Professor
Tariq Thachil, Associate Professor
Sharece D. Thrower, Assistant Professor

**Department of Psychology**
Suzana Herculano-Houzel, Associate Professor

**Department of Religious Studies**
David Price, Professor