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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Academic Council

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Joshua Socolar (Chair of Academic Council/Physics): Welcome to the first meeting of Duke's Academic Council for this academic year. For new members, I am Joshua Socolar, professor of Physics and chair of this Council. Returning members know that I succeeded Susan Lozier this past July, and I will serve as chair through June 2015. Susan set a high standard for clarity and efficiency in running these Council meetings, and I hope I can live up to it. I have to admit that I cannot match her skill in bringing poetry to the proceedings (laughter). I'm not going to try that. Maybe a little musical interlude now and then (laughter). As Ella Fitzgerald once said: "Forgive me if I don't have the words. Maybe I can sing it and you'll understand." Of course, I am no Ella, either (laughter). I also want to mention that former chair Craig Henriquez is in the house. He's a member of the Council, and he's promised that he has my back if things get rough.

I'd like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new members. Thanks for your willingness to serve. One of the great things about my position is that I get to meet faculty from all our schools and institutes and learn about their interests, and I look forward to talking with you at the reception that will follow this meeting.

I'd now like to introduce your colleagues who will serve with me this year on the Executive Committee of the Academic Council, that is

ECAC. ECAC's primary role, as I see it, is to discern which issues regarding University policies should be brought to the full Council for consideration, discussion and/or approval. We meet regularly with senior officers, occasionally with trustees, both to educate ourselves about relevant issues, and to advise them of faculty interests and concerns.

The ECAC members entering their second year of service are: Nan Jokerst from Electrical & Computer Engineering; Kathy Franz from Chemistry; Maurice Wallace from English and African and African-American Studies -- Maurice will serve this year as Vice Chair of the Council; and Dennis Clements from Medicine & Global Health -- Dennis will serve as our Faculty Secretary.

The newly elected ECAC members are: Brenda Nevidjon from Nursing; Sara Beale from Law; and Don Taylor from the Sanford School. Don couldn't be here today because of a travel commitment.

Please join me in thanking our ECAC colleagues in advance for their service (applause).

I would also like to introduce Sandra Walton and Katie Anderson, who are staff support for the Academic Council (applause). If you correspond with me via email, you may see Sandra's or Katie's name on the cc list. The chances that your message will be remem-

bered go way up if you hit "Reply All" (laughter).

So, having just begun as chair, I have no special insights to offer at this time. I am learning every day about issues that may warrant the attention of the Council, and I am sure you can guess what some of the big ones are. Probably the most prominent one right now is the development of Duke Kunshan University. The recent announcement of establishment approval for DKU – congratulations to everybody who's been working on that – brings to the fore a host of issues concerning faculty hiring and the relation of DKU faculty to faculty here in Durham, or Beaufort or wherever Duke faculty now work, as well as a full range of questions about how to get Duke-style programs up and running in China. So, we'll surely be talking about that sometime during the year. Other items include – just a short list – the benefits and drawbacks of new online education opportunities; resource allocation for programs, students, and faculty and other employees given our long-term financial trends; the role of interdisciplinary institutes in promoting creative research, teaching, and community engagement opportunities; updating our goals and strategies for developing diversity in our faculty and administrative ranks; and we also have our regular responsibilities. This semester, for example, we have a number of new degree programs to consider and, hopefully, approve.

All of these topics can benefit substantially from discussions that include the full range of faculty perspectives.

And this is only a partial list. I welcome your suggestions for topics for upcoming meetings. If you would like to suggest an item, please contact me or an ECAC member. And please also encourage your colleagues who are not Council members to attend our meet-

ings. All Duke faculty, are welcome to participate.

I do have one news item for you. Each year the Council grants the Faculty Scholar awards, usually to juniors or seniors who have done outstanding academic work here at Duke. Last year ECAC took a step to bring the process more in line with the spirit in which the award was endowed, which intended that the awardees would benefit substantially from the associated financial award. It was determined that one award should be made to an incoming freshman who showed both exceptional academic promise and a clear need for financial resources. This freshman award will provide five thousand dollars per year for four years and be awarded once every four years. It is my pleasure to announce that the first freshman Faculty Scholar is Jake Grusd. Jake's academic passions lie in music, theater, and economics – and more specifically in opera performance, production and management. Please join me in congratulating Jake, welcoming him to campus, and wishing him well in his years at Duke (applause).

One more thing before we turn to our agenda, there are attendance sheets circulating. Please initial the sheet next to you name and return these to Sandra at the end of our meeting. And during the meeting whenever you have a question or a comment, please identify yourself for the benefit of everybody.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

So, our first order of business is to approve the minutes from the May 9th meeting. These have been available on our website since Monday, and for those of you who haven't looked at it, I encourage you to keep an eye on the website. The Monday before each of

our meetings you'll see an agenda with minutes and so forth. So, may I have a motion to approve the minutes?

(approved by voice vote with no dissent)

Our next item is the approval of candidates for earned degrees from the 2013 summer term.

We'll go through this procedure a couple of times this year. To many of you, this type of pro formal approval may seem unnecessary. It is, however, an important ritual both for claiming our right as a faculty to grant the degrees and for certifying to graduates that the full faculty stands behind them. If you find yourself nodding off (laughter), consider the words of Lorene Cary, novelist, teacher, and activist, spoken at the Swarthmore College commencement in June: "Ritual helps to inject the significance of this moment into us. We rush, rush, rush, and then we sloooooow down time. We make this boring. It's not a mistake, it's meant to be. We assemble. We say certain words...Ritual roughs up the smooth surface of memory so that existence can snag." I love that last sentence—maybe it even passes for poetry.

Today we have nominations of candidates for earned degrees for all schools except the School of Nursing. Approval of the nursing degrees was granted by ECAC on behalf of the Council in August.

In accordance with the University Bylaws, I will call on representatives from the various schools and Trinity College for recommendations of approved candidates for various degrees. These lists will be forwarded by the Provost for approval by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on October 4th.

Diplomas dated September 1, 2013
Summary by Schools and College

Graduate School

<i>Dean Paula D. McClain</i>	
Doctor of Philosophy	81
Master of Science	27
Master of Arts	35
Master of Arts in Teaching	14

School of Medicine

<i>Dean Nancy C. Andrews</i>	
Master of Health Sciences	1
Master of Health Sciences in Clinical Research	8

School of Law

<i>Dean David F. Levi</i>	
Juris Doctor	2
Master of Laws	2
Master of Laws in Law and Entrepreneurship	1

Divinity School

<i>Dean Richard Hays</i>	
Master of Theology	7
Master of Divinity	1
Master of Theological Studies	6
Master of Arts in Christian Practice	9

School of Nursing

<i>Dean Catherine Gilliss</i>	
Doctor of Nursing Practice	11
Master of Science in Nursing	71

Fuqua School of Business

<i>Dean William Boulding</i>	
Master of Business Administration	50
Master of Management in the Clinical Informatics	27

Nicholas School of the Environment

<i>Dean William L. Chameides</i>	
Master of Environmental Management	2

Sanford School of Public Policy
Dean Kelly D. Brownell
 Master of International
 Development Policy 10

Pratt School of Engineering
Dean Thomas Katsouleas
 Master of Engineering Management 14
 Master of Engineering 1
 Bachelor of Science in Engineering 3

Trinity College of Arts and Sciences
Dean Laurie Patton
 Bachelor of Science 22
 Bachelor of Arts 38
 TOTAL 443

Thank you and congratulations to these graduates.

ELECTION OF FACULTY HEARING COMMITTEE

The next item on the agenda is ECAC’s nominations for the Faculty Hearing Committee. The Faculty Hearing Committee is a subcommittee of the Academic Council. It is charged with considering complaints from faculty concerning issues such as termination of employment, violations of academic freedom, and allegations of harassment not resolved by other university bodies. The process for issuing a formal complaint and the explanation of the role of the University Ombudsman is detailed in Appendix N in the Faculty Handbook. The Faculty Handbook states that the FHC will consist of 12 tenured faculty members nominated by ECAC and elected by this Council to serve three-year terms.

The continuing members are:

Steffen Bass (Physics), 2015

Philip Rosoff (Pediatrics - Oncology/Hematology), 2015
 Tolly Boatwright (Classical Studies), 2015
 Sam Buell (Law School), 2014
 Nan Jokerst (Electrical & Computer Engineering), 2014
 Tom Metzloff (Law School), 2014

The newly-nominated members are:

Christina Hendrix (Nursing)
 Willie Jennings (Divinity School)
 Trina Jones (Law School)
 Terrence Oas (Biochemistry)
 Jocelyn Olcott (History)
 Manju Puri (Fuqua School of Business)

And I note that Professors Oas and Olcott are being reappointed after serving one full term.

Are there any questions about these nominations? All in favor of electing these faculty members to the Faculty Hearing Committee, please say aye?

(approved by voice vote with no dissent)

I want to thank each of the faculty who agreed to serve, and offer special thanks to Tom Metzloff for agreeing to chair the committee for another year. I think we all agree that this is an extremely important committee whose services should never be needed (laughter).

University Scholar/ Teacher of the Year Award

Our last item before we move into Executive Session is the recognition of this year’s winner of the University Scholar/ Teacher of the Year Award. President Brodhead will do the honors.

Richard Brodhead (President): If only I had caught that line about ruffing up the smooth continuum of time to allow existence. This is another such moment. It's an annual award, but it's meant to slow us down to realize the value of teaching research, of leading the life of the faculty in the fullest sense.

The University Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award was established in 1981 by the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church and is based on the belief that colleges and universities draw their strength and vitality from their faculties – a view I do not expect you to object to. This award annually recognizes an outstanding faculty member for his or her contribution to the learning arts, the institution, and the community through research, teaching and service. I am very pleased to announce this year that the winner is Edna Andrews, Nancy and Jeffrey Marcus Humanities Professor of Slavic and Eurasian Studies. And if she's here perhaps she would come stand down here (applause). I can see by the look on her face how eager she is for me to recite the list of her accomplishments (laughter), though I will proceed.

Dr. Andrews' scholarship is exceptional in its quality and cross-disciplinary scope, ranging from analytical theory, semiotics, and Russian literary criticism to cognitive and psycho- and neuro-linguistics. She's the driving conceptual and administrative force behind the Slavic and East European Language Resource Center at Duke and the Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies. She has also built a remarkable partnership with St. Petersburg University, for which she has received an honorary doctorate.

Edna Andrews' theoretical grounding in linguistics informs her scholarship on Russian Language and Russian Language pedagogy,

and has helped transform Duke's Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies into one of the best Russian language programs in the country. Her teaching excellence was recognized so long ago as 1993 when she was awarded the Richard K. Lublin Teaching Award. Her teaching creativity is clearly demonstrated through her leadership of Duke Intense Global, a year-long program launched in 2011 that combines intensive language study with multiple in-country experiences, and also her time as director of the Focus Program. She is recognized throughout campus for her dynamism in linking research excellence with innovative teaching, helping to underscore the intellectual relevance of these programs.

Edna Andrews – as if this were not enough – has performed outstanding service as Chair of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Director of the Linguistics Program. These leadership positions have been complemented by her current service as Director of the Focus Program, to which she brings administrative energy, experience, and excellence to the interdisciplinary learning enterprise. Focus has become a signature of Duke and thrives because of her commitment. I would just say that I am one of, I suppose, many people in this room who know students who have had Edna and have heard testimonials at least as valuable as the ones that I've just read to the sort of daily work by which you [referring to Dr. Andrews] inspire students to live up to their potential.

On behalf of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, Duke is proud to honor Professor Edna Andrews as Duke University's 2013 recipient of the University Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award. And now my dear professor, I will horrify you by attempting to say in my best Russian "Pozdravlyayu" [trans: congratulations] (laughter & applause). It will now

be necessary to take down all the pictures in your living room in order to hang this.

Edna Andrews (Slavic & Eurasian Studies):
It's taller than I am (laughter & applause).

Socolar: We now move to our last agenda item, which will be conducted in Executive Session. I have to ask everybody who is not a member of the Duke faculty to leave at this time.

[Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the provost search]