MEMORANDUM

To: The Faculty

From: Bishop Hunt,
Faculty Secretary

About: Highlights of ninth Faculty Senate meeting

The Second Session of the April meeting of the Faculty Senate convened on Tuesday, April 16. Highlights:

--The Speaker’s report included a memorandum from the Provost on “Changes to the Faculty Manual,” with a request for comments from the Senate Committee on the By-Laws and Faculty/Administration Manual before the end of the semester. The most important of these changes has to do with a detailed “Workload Policy” statement from the Office of Academic Affairs.

--The Speaker handed out two year-end committee reports delivered to the Senate. The first, from the Committee on Tenure, Promotion, and Third-Year Review, summarizes the Committee’s activities for the year and requests the Senate’s guidance on decisions made outside the normal procedures specified in the Manual, and also on whether the composition of evaluation panels should be changed. The second report, from the Faculty Welfare Committee, concerns (1) Retirement and (2) Faculty and Administrative Salaries.

--A proposal from the Academic Standards Committee, about students participating in the commencement ceremony, was passed as circulated. To participate, a student must have completed all requirements or fulfill all three of these criteria:

1. have a GPR of 2.0 or better (cumulative, as well as in the major) at start of final semester
2. be still registered, after the last “W” day of final semester, in all courses needed for degree completion, but not in more than 18 total hours of courses
3. not have an “F” or an “Incomplete,” during the preceding semester, for more than 4 hours of course work.

--Eight motions from the Curriculum Committee were passed as circulated, including:

1 & 2. Minors in Italian, and in Italian Studies
3. New courses in Italian (361, 362, 452)
4. New course in Spanish (381)
5. New course in Biology (445)
6. Change in Environmental Studies Minor: inclusion of Biology 406 (Conservation Biology) and Biology 444 (Plant Ecology) in the list of suitable Science and Math courses
7 & 8. Psychology: new course (313); course changes (366, 372, 382, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 499).

Remaining Scheduled Meeting:

General Faculty Meeting: 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 22 (Recital Hall, Simons Center for the Arts)