MEMORANDUM

To:       The Faculty

From:    Kathy Haney
          Faculty Secretary

Subject: Highlights of the ninth Faculty Senate meeting

The Faculty Senate met for about an hour and a half on Tuesday, April 15. Highlights:

New Business

ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE. Two motions brought for a vote passed.

• The Teaching and Advising Awards should be presented at the Graduation Ceremony.

• Emeritus, Research, and Service Awards could be presented at the last faculty meeting of the semester. [Note: These three awards will be presented at the faculty meeting on Monday, April 21.]

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE. All of the motions from the Committee passed.

• Guidelines for Interdisciplinary Programs (both majors and minors controlled by one department or program and fully interdisciplinary majors and minors)

• English. Five course changes: ENGL 343, 343, 345, 351, 390; Three course deletions: ENGL 205, 206, 344; Three new courses: ENGL 207 (Survey of American Literature to World War II), ENGL 349 (American Novel to 1900), ENGL 355 (The American Short Story); Changes to the Major and Minor

• Geology. New courses: GEOL 442 and 442L (Geological Applications in Remote Sensing and GEOL 449 and 449L (Geographic Information Systems)

• Mathematics. Course changes (prerequisites): MATH 111, 120, and 207

• Religious Studies. New Course: RELS 375 (Topics in the History of Religion)

• Physics and Astronomy. Course change (credit hours and description) PHYS 412

• Physical Education and Psychology. Joint proposal for a new course: PEHD 355 and PSYC 355 (Sport Psychology)
- **Anthropology.** New course: ANTH 300 (Archaeological Lab Methods; Course changes (prerequisites) ANTH 340, 341.

- **Sociology.** New courses: SOCY 337 (Prejudice), SOCY 347 (Child Welfare), SOCY 348 (Substance Abuse and Society), SOCY 354 (Gender and Society)

- **Theatre.** New course: THTR 276 (Script Analysis); Change to the Major; Twenty course changes: THTR 180, 209, 240, 277, 280, 289, 340, 360, 370, 375, 376, 377, 378, 380, 381, 383, 389, 399, 489, 490

The Senate voted to suspend rules so that two departments could bring proposals for approval that did not meet Curriculum Committee deadlines. The four proposals passed.

- **Political Science.** New Courses: POLS 307 (Environmental Policy) and POLS 330 (Comparative Gender Politics)

- **Studio Art.** New courses: Arts 215 (Photography I) and ARTS 315 (Photography II)

**AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERAL EDUCATION.** The Committee asked for endorsement, not approval, of nine “Goals for General Education” so that the process to review General Education can continue. After much discussion, the Senate endorsed Draft Goals for General Education in principle.

**TENURE AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE.** A proposal passed to modify sentences in the Faculty/Administration Manual pertaining to the makeup of department evaluation panels and to people on leave/sabbatical. The proposal will now go to the By-Laws Committee.

**ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE.** With slight modifications, a proposal passed for a replacement of the Leave of Absence policy on p. 46 of the current Undergraduate Catalog.

Note: The Alumni Association will host a reception for the faculty after the Faculty Meeting on Monday, April 21.