Faculty Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2015

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Alister Chapman at 3:34

II. Devotional: given by Dave Wolf

III. Report from the President
   ● Meetings with the Board went well
   ● Westmont Institute is now being conducted in Spanish
   ● Finances and budget are in order; Spring enrollment is solid

IV. Announcement: by Patti Hunter
   ● Reminder that faculty need to provide conflict of interest paperwork by next week

V. Approval of Dec. 12, 2014 Minutes: Approved with changes: correction on the spelling of Michelle Hardley’s name and the previous secretary will sign the minutes

VI. Faculty Council Nomination: The two receiving the highest number of votes will be notified next week

VII. Information Literacy Discussion by Tatiana Nazarenko and Molly Riley
   ● AACU Report: employers tend to rate students as poorly prepared for careers, while students rate themselves as highly prepared
   ● Final papers from Eng 002 courses were collected and evaluated; these results will be compared with senior level writing in the summer
   ● Preliminary results of the papers were provided
   ● Table talk

VIII. Senate Subcommittee Motion: No questions or concerns; the motion passed

IX. Announcement: by Jim Taylor
   ● There will be a brown bag lunch on February 24 from 12:00-1:00
   ● 3 colleagues will present their implementation of critical thinking in the classroom

X. Report from Doug Jones, VP for Finance
   ● The endowment is $82.4M; ideal would be $215.4M (3x the operating budget)
   ● In the current model Westmont’s expense growth is outpacing revenue growth
   ● Westmont’s long-term strength depends on our ability to generate new resources
   ● Possibilities for new net revenue: endowment growth, summer conferences, enrollment growth (off-campus programs), and leadership center/residence hall
   ● Westmont is on sound financial footing

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:49

Respectfully submitted by Mary Logue