Faculty Meeting Minutes
Hieronymus Lounge, January 19, 2007

I. Call to Order
Warren Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:50.

II. Devotion
Mitchell Thomas gave the devotion.

III. Introduction of New Faculty Member
Philip Fiscor introduced himself.

IV. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2006
Deborah Dunn Conducted the business of the faculty.
The minutes were approved.

V. Nominations to Faculty Council
A list of faculty eligible for faculty council was given to the faculty, each of whom then nominated no more than six of their colleagues.

VI. Warren Rogers—Interim Academic Dean
 o Warren handed over to the college’s WASC team.
   o Bill Wright invited the faculty to the practice poster session on January 30. He also noted that everyone in the campus community will be given an opportunity to give information to WASC via the internet.
   o Mary Docter suggested some “do’s” and “don’t’s” for interacting with the WASC team visiting campus.
   o She then distributed the “WASC-Visitor Shorter Catechism” for the faculty to read in preparation for the WASC visit, and encouraged each department to meet before the WASC visit to review exactly how assessment has led to changes in their work.
   o Bill Wright commented on what the WASC team will be doing during their visit.
   o Andrew Mullen stressed that it is important that we don’t turn up “cold” to meetings with the WASC team.

   o Warren noted the forthcoming President’s Breakfast with Thomas Friedman on February 28 Friedman’s chapel convocation on that same day, and the Westmont Downtown Conversation on Friedman’s book on February 15.
   o He encouraged faculty to comment on the presidential candidate.
   o He noted the ongoing faculty searches, and encouraged the faculty to pray for them.
   o Warren also mentioned the visit of Samuel Schuman who is visiting next week to do research for a new book on small residential colleges in America.
   o The deadline for contributions to Shirley’s scrapbook is the end of February.
Warren then shared his thoughts on the transition in the administration and his part in that, expressing the hesitancy he experienced in deciding to take the position, the joy he is finding so far, and the steps he is taking to take off his absent-minded professor hat and get organized. He asked for the faculty’s prayers for him as he seeks to keep the momentum going during this period of transition.

He mentioned that before leaving Shirley had asked the President’s Council for more money for the provost’s office and had been successful. The money is to cover things that the provost’s office has been doing by pulling money from other, underused parts of the college’s budget.

Warren shared several items of faculty glory (which he prefers to call highlights).

He then closed in prayer.

VII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted by Alister Chapman.