

## Minutes of the Adjunct Faculty Committee

20 February 2001

Present: Rex Saffer, Carole Kenney, Cecilia Ready, Bill Byrne, John Groch, Margaret Boerner, Trudi Graves, Ruth McDermott-Levy, Judith Masterson

### DISCUSSIONS:

Trudi Graves, the adjunct faculty representative to the Faculty Congress, reported to the committee her general impressions of the structure and interests of the Congress. Discussion was also had as to the possibility of a ListServe for discussions of concern to the Villanova community. The administration is taking the position that permission must be asked before any matter is conveyed to the faculty as a whole, full or adjunct, even by their official representatives.

Adjunct faculty have a good relationship with the Faculty Congress and there is no pressing need for adjunct-faculty representation on the University Senate, especially as the Senate's position is that the balance of 1/3 each of administration, faculty, and students would be upset were the adjunct faculty to also be represented. Trudi will ask Harry Strack to bring up this subject with the Academic Policy Committee.

### AGENDA:

1. *THE PARTISAN*. It was agreed that Margaret Boerner will undertake to put the newsletter together. Carole Kenney will transmit the account number necessary for Margaret Boerner to use at Publications.
2. *YEARLY SOCIAL*. The yearly social will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, in the President's Lounge in the Connelly Center.

Discussion on restriction of speech on Villanova's e-mail and in its classrooms took place, relevant to the kind of speaker to have at the yearly social. Members were reminded that the speaker at our functions alternate between speakers on topics of concern to members and speakers on topics of interest and entertainment. After warm deliberation, it was unanimously

agreed that Bob Langran, chair of the Faculty Congress, would be asked to speak at the social about the university's restrictions on speech from the point of view of the Congress. (It was later learned that he was "honored to accept.")

3. ELECTIONS. Election for the Adjunct Faculty Committee will take place at the end of the spring semester. Members were reminded to put their names up if they wish to run again. Bill Byrne and John Groch will set up the election, which must be by ballot because adjunct faculty do not have uniform access to the Villanova e-mail system.

4. HANDBOOK. Carole Kenney gave a summary of her conversations with John Immerwahr as to the Adjunct Faculty Handbook.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS. John Groch reported that Carol Weiss was interested in recognizing adjunct faculty achievements, based on a conversation with Jim Johnson of part-time studies. Cecilia Ready reported that John Immerwahr had promised to look into getting money to adjunct faculty in the spring semester before February 30. (Immerwahr later reported that the Registrar concluded it could not be done.)

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Boerner