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I. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. Minutes of 2/20/02 were approved with changes.

III. Two Grand Marshals for graduates were voted upon: Dr. Thomas Hennings, 10:30 a.m.; Dr. James Devers, 2:00 p.m. Unanimous approval.

IV. ACTION ITEM. New Policy on Grade Changes. A discussion occurred regarding the New Policy on Grade Changes. This was referred to the FC Academic Issues committee for a recommendation. President McCracken will follow-up with Michael Harris regarding the status of the policy.

V. ACTION ITEM. Position on Realignment/restructuring of Programs, Departments, and Colleges. A discussion occurred on a recommended FC resolution. The FC voted 25 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions, **to approve** the following resolution: "The realignment/restructuring of programs/departments and colleges concerns our entire division. Such far-reaching changes should be undertaken only in response to the programmatic needs of the academic units involved and in accordance with the University's Strategic Plan. They must take place only after completing a thorough and exacting examination of their potential effects on the programs, the students, the University and ultimately, the future. Because appropriate process has not been followed, the Faculty Council strongly objects to the current proposal for disbanding the College of Health and Human Services. First, the proposal was presented to the departments/programs involved without establishing a 'needs-based' rationale. Second, the proposal seems to have developed from administrative concerns about resources cost and exigency, rather than as a result of academic program needs. The Faculty Council recognizes the need for periodic program review and occasional examination of realignment/restructuring possibilities. The council expects to be a collaborative, proactive participant in all processes involving realignment or restructuring, beginning with the needs assessment process."

VI. ACTION ITEM. The Integration of the Elder Adult into the University Community. Following a discussion, the Council voted 26 Yes, 0 No, with 1 Abstention **to approve** the policy.

VII. President's Report. **(A)** Sally will be around the community during Spring/Summer to be involved; **(B)** General Education Committee: Sally reported that Marty

Shichtman will now be the chair of the committee; **(C)** many FC members are serving on search committees.

VIII. Committee Reports. **(A)** Parking Committee. Alida Westman reported that many spots for “reserved” spaces will be paid by individuals (\$800 for year, \$400 a semester). As many spaces as they can sell to students, faculty, and staff will be their goal. **(B)** Banner Committee. Millie Lintner reported that there is a new team: Banner Committee Training Team. Millie is asking for two faculty representatives. Gisela Ahlbrandt and Sarah Cogan have been recommended to serve.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

PRESENT: M. Kramer ACC, M. Ruggiero ART, S. Sonstein AHP, H. Zot BIOL, T. Brewer CHEM, S. McCracken CTA, M. Lintner COSC, S. Erenburg ECON, I. Ahmad CIS, M. Zinggeler FLABS, L. Sickels-Taves GEO/GEOLOG, J. Armstrong HPERD, J. Dieterle HIS/PHIL, D. Silverman HECR, C. Haddad INDT, J. Bari IT, E. Broughton L&C, R. Baier HALLE, G. Ahlbrandt MATH, C. Eggers MUSC, L. Rankin NURS, J. Wooley PHY/AST, D. Hortin PLS, A. Westman PSY, M. Wedenoja SWK, B. Bilge SAC, C. Burns TED, K. Sinclair WMST.

GUEST: Martha Tack, President’s Office.

ABSENT: AFS, BTE, ENGL, MGMT, MKT, SPED.