Faculty Association Board (FAB) Member Meeting  
Tuesday, August 28, 2007  
1:00-2:10pm, Room 351

Present: Barbara Hoopes, Angela Huebner, Raymond Major, Nick Stone, Beverly Bunch-Lyons

NEXT MEETING DATE: (Monday, September 24, 2007), 11:30am—Room 351

MINUTES:
Nick Stone began the meeting with the query: What are the goals of the Faculty Association, what should be the mission of the organization?

After some discussion, it was suggested by Angela and agreed upon by members that “Community Building” should serve as the focus point for the year, a focus point that coincides with the larger university effort of VT Engage. The strategy of the Board is to use the concept of “community building” as a platform for increasing involvement in the Faculty Association. By creating group outreach opportunities, the Board hopes to foster a greater sense of community and connectedness among the faculty in the NCR. Raymond recommended that the Board invite local alumni associations to participate in outreach efforts in the NCR. It was recommended that Faculty Association Board members serve as points of contact for outreach plans.

Barbara Hoopes noted that faculty participation was greatest at events involving university administrators such as during Dean Karen DePauw’s visits. It was recommended that we increase the opportunities for faculty in the NCR to meet with Blacksburg administrators. To launch this effort, Nick agreed to contact Provost McNamee in order to invite him to participate in a reception for new faculty members in the NCR.

Nick recommended that we begin the year by addressing business from the previous year, particularly Dean DePauw’s desire for the Faculty Association to play a role in outlining a vision for graduate education in the National Capital Region. As a starting point, it was suggested that the Board locate and revisit interviews conducted with Program Directors regarding their graduate programs. A report based on the interviews would then be forwarded to Dean DePauw.

Barbara noted that three work groups were organized last year, and recommended that The Board revisit the issues addressed by the three work groups, namely—Transportation, Flexible/Floating work schedule, and ? (Barbara will provide information on the third work group).

Nick mentioned that Bill Frakes is interested in organizing a chapter of the American Association of University Professors for faculty in the NCR. Nick will follow-up with Bill on this matter.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Beverly Bunch-Lyons, Secretary-Faculty Association