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**Minutes  
Faculty Senate  
May 13, 2004  
Science Building, Room 102  
11:30 a.m.**

1. **Call to Order at 11:30 a.m by David Snowball.** Roll Call was taken by Bob Grenier and Connie Ghinazzi. Members not able to attend were Cathy Goebel, John Hildreth, Dave Hill, Mary Em Kirn, Paul Olson, Megan Quinn, Dave Renneke, Van Symons, Jim Winship, Lendol Calder, Gary Mann, Joe McDowell, Mike Wolf, Steve Hager, and Mark Vincent. Members excused were Peter Xiao, Katie Hanson, Jayne Rose, and Sangeetha Rayapati.
2. **Approval of Minutes for April 22, 2004 meeting:** David Ellis moved to approve minutes and Ruth Ann Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Report from the Educational Policies Committee** - Ellen Hay
  - 3.1 Environmental Studies Minor: Add BI 331 as a choice for a supporting course. Seconded by Jon Clauss and approved by the Senate without discussion.
  - 3.2 Honors Committee Proposal for Minimum GPA for Honors with Distinction. Seconded by Bill Hammer and approved by the Senate without discussion.
  - 3.3 New Biochemistry Major brought forward by Chemistry and Biology departments. Seconded by Dave DeWitt and approved by the Senate without discussion.
  - 3.4 Proposed amendment for Graduation Requirements for Former Students For next year’s incoming transfer and former students who interrupted their studies they will have the option of completing their degree under the old requirements. Seconded by Connie Ghinazzi and approved by the Senate without discussion.
  - 3.5 Course conversions. Seconded by Sharon Varallo and approved by the Senate without discussion.

AR 242 (C,F) convert to [G]	RE 328 (HR) convert to [PH]; drop RE 332
EN 237 (L) convert to [PH, D]	SN 202 convert to [G]
EN 361 (L) convert to [PH, D]	SN 203 (L) convert to [D]
MU 107 (FA) convert to [PA, G]	SN 322 convert to [PP]
PL 331 (H) convert to [PH]; drop PL 332	SN 326 convert to [PP, G]
PO 101 (S) convert to [PS]	SN 327 convert to [PP, G]
PO 102 (S) convert to [PS]	WL 326 convert to [PL]; drop WL 217
PO 105 (S,C) convert to [PS, G]	WL/FR 327 convert to [PL, G]; drop
PO 260 (S) convert to [PS]	WL/FR 227

4. **Report from Nominations and Rules** – Mary Neil.  
Mary Neil, representing the Nominations and Rules Committee, recommended faculty members for Augustana College committees for 2004-05. Seconded by Ruth Ann Johnson and approved by the Senate.
5. **Report from Advanced Standing & Degrees** – Michael Kirn.  
Approval of Spring and Summer term graduates. Seconded by Roger Crossley and approved by Senate. Michael provided a list of graduates earning honors. This year, including fall and winter graduates, 31.3% of Augustana graduates have earned or are eligible for honors compared to 34.5% last year. The number of students graduating Summa Cum Laude decreased from 8% last year to 5.3% this year. The number of students graduating Magna Cum Laude decreased from 10% last year to 6.7% this year.

Norm Moline moved and Doug Nelson seconded a motion to applaud Michael Kirn for his years of service.

6. **New business** – The Honors Committee recommended eliminating its Foundations and LOGOS. Pam Druger seconded the motion. Mike Nolan explained the responsibilities designated for these subcommittees were in fact being handled by the Honors Committee itself, so these committees were redundant. The Senate approved this change.

David Snowball shared a message from President Bahls encouraging the faculty to complete the Facilities and Allocation Survey by May 15. About 40 faculty members had replied to date.

Trustees Meeting – David Snowball reported on several topics from last week's Trustees Meeting. There have been modifications in our endowment investment strategy that brings us in line with the way other institutions manage their investments. The trustees ratified the President's tenure recommendations and accepted the donation of a significant Native American art collection from an Augustana alum. An outside consultant recommended 120 security modifications, most minor but some significant, totally approximately \$5 million. The trustees' were warned that the 2004 entering class may be modestly below budget projections.

Mike Nolan reminded the Senate about this afternoon's Celebration of Learning opening with a keynote speech by Pamela Trotter at 3 p.m.

7. A motion to adjourn was offered by Darrin Good and Lori Scott seconded. There was a round of applause for David Snowball in recognition of his service as Chair of the Senate during the 2003-04 academic year. The Senate adjourned at 11:54 a.m.