

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 4 p.m.

Faculty Room – University Hall

Tea from 3:30 to 3:55 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Secretary's Business
- II. Memorial Minutes
 1. On behalf of the Committee to prepare the Minute on the life and service of the late Wendell Vernon Clausen, *Pope Professor of the Latin Language and Literature* and *Professor of Comparative Literature, Emeritus*, Professor R. Tarrant will present an abridged version of the Minute to the Faculty.
 2. On behalf of the Committee to prepare the Minute on the life and service of the late Richard Abel Musgrave, *Harold Hitchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy, Emeritus*, Professor M. Feldstein will present an abridged version of the Minute to the Faculty.
- III. Dean's Business
- IV. President's Business
- V. Question Period
- VI. New Business
- VII. Docket Committee Report
- VIII. Docket Items
 1. On behalf of the Docket Committee, Professor J. Stock will move that Rule 12 of the Rules of Faculty Procedure be amended so that it reads (new text in **bold**, old text in *italics*):

The quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Faculty shall be **one-eighth** [*one-sixth*] of the total membership of the Faculty as determined at the close of the first meeting of the Board of Overseers of the academic year; if the Faculty is meeting prior to the first meeting of the Board of Overseers the previous year's quorum figure shall be used. The quorum at an emergency meeting shall be **twice the number required for quorum at a regular meeting of the Faculty** [*one-third of the total membership*].

No binding votes concerning a matter of substance shall be taken in the absence of a quorum.

Quorum shall be established by the Secretary upon turning to the first docketed item of business under Rule 14 g. A request to determine the presence or absence of a quorum shall be in order at any time, but once the presence of a quorum has been ascertained[, *either by a count or by an unchallenged ruling of the Chair,*] it will be presumed to continue until a contrary determination has been made.

At a degree meeting no quorum shall be necessary, but it is expected that members of the Administrative Boards recommending candidates for degrees, the Chairmen of all Departments and Committees of Instruction, and those officials of each Department and Committee of Instruction responsible for the general supervision of concentrators and advanced degree candidates will attend the degree meeting. The provisions of Rule 26 shall not apply at the degree meeting, but no business shall be transacted except that pertaining to the award of degrees, honors and prizes, to Commencement, to the Announcement of Courses, or to the Catalogue.

2. On behalf of the Department of English and American Literature and Language, Professor J. Engell will move:

That as of July 1, 2008, the name of the Department of English and American Literature and Language be changed to the Department of English.

3. Dean's discussion of the restructuring to strengthen academic leadership in the FAS.
- 4.* *In Camera:* On behalf of the Administrative Board of Harvard College, Dean D. Pilbeam will move that an undergraduate be dismissed.

THE DOCKET COMMITTEE

* This portion of the Regular Meeting will be open only to voting members of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Note: Information about Faculty business can be found at <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~secfas/>.