1. Meeting was called to order by president John Bruce.

2. Minutes from Sept. 6, 2005 were approved (Ferguson/J. Mather).

3. Treasurer’s Report

   Balance is approximately $200. Dues for this year are $10. Pay to Sean Kelley.

4. Old Business:

   A. Update on donation of Faculty Association funds for hurricane relief: $400 has been distributed to Katie Sterling, with $100 remaining for distribution to general relief efforts.

5. New Business:

   A. Committee appointments have been emailed.

   B. Symposium proposal—G. Peters introduced a suggestion from the professional development committee, with input from Dr. Huguenin, for a symposium in the spring. A possible speaker is Dr. Ken Bain, author of *What the Best College Teachers Do*.

   C. Plagiarism solutions were discussed. Dr. Bruce stated that we do have a policy in place to address numerous scenarios. We may or may not need to revisit the policy. Discussion was held of turnitin.com. Cost is $1 per
student per year. Student work is archived so if duplications are found, they are flagged. Discussion was also held of Google Scholar. Questions were asked about possibilities of a trial period for either program.

Discussion related to possible need to seek bids and/or look at comparable programs. Options of learning more about programs by visiting their websites were discussed. Discussion may continue at next month’s meeting.

D. Incompletes/ New “F” Grades. Discussion was held of policies on “incompletes” (time limits for changing an “I”, possibility of “I” being changed automatically at end of a year as opposed to remaining an “I” indefinitely) The need to check on Regents’ policy was raised, and N. Osborn volunteered to check. Discussion included role of new technology system and its role in recordkeeping. Concept of “Earned F” or “Unearned F” was discussed.

E. Curriculum Change—Nancy Hector introduced a recommendation from the Curriculum Committee for a curriculum change from Education and Speech-Language Pathology. The curriculum change would drop EDUC 4452 and EDUC 4402 and it would add EDUC 4442 and EDUC 4542. Dr. Ferguson also explained the changes, and the justification, “Changing student teaching from 4 days a week to 4 ½ days per week (a policy change) necessitates reconfiguration of required courses.” Motion to approve the recommendation (Osborn/J. Mather) was approved (33 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

F. New life insurance availability was announced. Forms were distributed, and an email should have been sent. Deadline for applications is Oct. 31.

6. Announcements:

A. A representative from COPLAC, Dr. Bob Houston from Henderson State, Arkansas is coming tonight (Oct. 4) and will be here all day on Wed.

B. J. Knapp announced student art shows displayed through Oct. All work is available for sale, and money will be used to fund trip to National Ceramics Conference.
C. J. Mather announced the Building a Legacy groups will be on campus from 9:30 to 1:00 on Oct. 27 and on Nov. 10. Clubs are invited to sponsor a display during the tours from 11-12.

D. G. Peters invited all campus faculty to attend a professional development session on Virtual Field Trips, Lance Ford speaker, Oct. 18, 1:30 to 4:30, in Nash 118.


F. K. Bohannon announced the Simpich Marionettes on Thursday, Oct. 6.

   Approximately 300 elementary students will be here to see a matinee performance. The next event in the Davis-Waldorf Series will be “Van Gogh,” which is scheduled on Oct. 27.

G. A. Todd thanked the faculty for participation in the Net Generation professional development session at Eduardo’s.

H. G. Peters asked for faculty response to suggestion for symposium with Dr. Ken Bain.

   Motion (Ferguson/Peters) to pursue the idea was approved.

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