Meeting called to order at 3:32 PM

Present: Chair Professor Preli, Executive Secretary Professor Rakowitz, General Faculty Secretary Professor Mulvey, Professors Greenberg, Zera, Sapp, Bayne, Strauss, Vinekar, Lane, Walker, Petrino, Keenan, Tromley, Dennin, Shea, Nantz, Boryczka, Deans: S. Campbell, Beal, Franzosa, Crabtree, Vice President Fitzgerald, Guests: Professors Ruffini, Goldberg, Smith, G. Campbell, Associate Dean Perkus.

1. Presidential Courtesy

Vice President Fitzgerald reported that early action is running ahead of last year and that early decision applicants are about 180 so far. Vice President Fitzgerald indicated that the Jesuit schools are working on some common core issues and invited Fairfield faculty to be part of this ongoing discussion. Professor Walker asked why we had dropped early decision and then reinstated it. Vice President Fitzgerald answered that we are always experimenting to make the process of admittance more efficacious.

2. Report From the Secretary of the General faculty

General faculty meeting is scheduled for 12/9/2011 and documents will be going out on the 6th.

3. Report From Executive Secretary

Submitted minutes of the meeting of November 7, 2011 for approval.

Motion to accept [Lane/Walker]. Professor Tromley had a correction to the minutes on page 8 at bottom of page, the word “can” should go after the word “twice”, so that “undermines” is changed to “can undermine”.

Minutes as amended were approved.

At this juncture the agenda was reordered, and the Council discussed under new business Proposals for early childhood education.

7.a. Proposals re: Early Childhood Education

After extensive discussion, the following motion was approved.

MOTION. To approve the Masters in Childhood Education with Initial Certification (Certification in Elementary or early Childhood Education) with a five year review.

Motion Passed 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstentions.

4.a. Subcommittee on University College Matters.

The sub committee began a presentation of their report on the closing of University College. No motions were voted on at this meeting.

These minutes are truncated because the recording secretary, Donald Greenberg, lost his notes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Greenberg

Approved by the Academic Council on February 6, 2012.