

## FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING

November 16, 1993

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Herlands at 4:30 PM, approximately 65 persons were in attendance.

#### I. Assembly President's Report

The Administration and Finance Committee met with NAMS Dean Byrne and members of the Physical Therapy Program to work out the details of the class module/meeting changes passed at the October meeting. A revised proposal will be presented to the Steering Committee.

A General Studies Committee subcommittee has invited the Student Senate Academic Policies Committee to meet with them to discuss the recent listing of courses addressing cultural diversity as well as a recent student survey on the advisability of a "cultural diversity requirement."

The Planning Task Forces are on schedule, and will present their reports at their third meeting on Nov. 30th. The Faculty Assembly Steering Committee and President Farris will meet with the Task Forces on Dec. 3rd. The reports will be released to the College community during the week of Dec. 6.

The Select Committee on Advising will meet with the Steering Committee to discuss their proposals, and will bring their recommendation before the Faculty Assembly, probably at the next Assembly meeting.

Herlands reviewed the history of the Assembly discussion of the Honors College, begin with an Oct. 18th memo (attached) from President Farris to Herlands. After the Steering Committee met with interested faculty following the Oct. 19th Assembly meeting, a response to Farris was drafted, notifying her that the Faculty Assembly was not presently able to respond to the Administration's query regarding Faculty interest in the Honors College. Farris was not pleased by this. The Board of Trustees enthusiastically endorsed the Honors College at their October 27th meeting, and decided to recommend it to the Board of Higher Education. In a meeting between the Steering Committee and Farris just prior to today's Assembly meeting, Farris gave the Steering Committee a letter (attached) she had written for publication in the Atlantic City Press hoping to dispel misunderstandings that might have been generated by a recent Press article on the Honors College. Farris told the committee that she had neither stated nor implied that the Honors College would involve a separate faculty as stated in the Press article. Farris offered to speak to the faculty at today's Faculty Assembly meeting, but the Steering Committee declined, indicating that it was premature.

Erin O'Hanlon, author of the Press article, stated that she