I. Dean Watkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 with about forty present. The minutes of the April 24, 2012 meeting were presented and approved.

II. Dean Watkins announced that Professor Anna Marshall had agreed to serve as Parliamentarian. The nomination was moved and seconded and approved by those present.

III. James Barrett’s name was placed in nomination and seconded for Secretary of the LAS Faculty. This nomination was also approved by the body.

IV. Dean Watkins announced and circulated the report of the Committee on Committees (attached). All positions are filled except for one opening on the Policy and Development Committee. The College is requesting faculty to stand for election to the Faculty Appeals Committee.

V. Dean Watkins presented an update on the status of the college. Because of departures, the faculty did not grow, despite 40 hires. We will probably have substantial and strategic hiring within the next five years. About 1/3 of new faculty hires were from under-represented racial groups. Admissions numbers and the yield from offers of admission were both down. Everyone will need to make greater efforts in recruitment and the college will let you know of initiatives. More in-state students were accepted than before, but the yield was lower than usual and partly as a result, we took a much higher proportion of international students, about 14%. This large number of students from abroad is likely to require a number of pedagogical and cultural adjustments. There have been a considerable number of curricular initiatives in various departments. A lot of work going on in terms of physical facilities. Balanced budget for FY12 and a small surplus. Well-positioned for FY13 which bodes well for hiring and resources for a variety of initiatives. AY2013-2014 will be LAS’s 100th anniversary. Dean’s Fellows program aims to bring a few faculty into the college part-time in order to get their input and to provide faculty administrative experience. The dean opened the floor for questions and discussion.