CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND REMARKS
President John Brazil called the meeting to order and offered some brief remarks. The full text of President Brazil’s remarks follows.

As you’ve no doubt noticed, over the summer the weather has been hot and the economy cold. Despite that unfortunate state of affairs, I hope your break has been both productive and invigorating. And who knows, maybe the “green shoots” we have been hearing about in the financial markets and the tentative, more like wishful thinking forecasts of (I won’t say cooler but) at least fractionally less hot weather augur relief on both fronts. In any case, I trust all of you are looking forward to an exciting new year.

I certainly look forward to a great year for Trinity, which – it’s gratifying to report – continues to be well positioned in the face of the extraordinary pressures that are causing major problems for our peers and for virtually all of the great public and private research universities across the country. You’re probably familiar with much of what has gone on elsewhere, including layoffs and hiring freezes, freezes or reductions in pay and benefits, delay and abandonment of capital projects – the whole range of wrenching retrenchments that are occurring throughout the spectrum of American higher education and in the rest of the world.

There’s really no point in rehearsing in detail these events or dwelling on Trinity’s good fortune. Instead, let’s begin the year on the same grace note that we ended last year, with the grateful reassurance that while we have not been unaffected, we have managed to remain relatively unscathed – in fact are in very good shape – having avoided retrenchments both modest and draconian and having been able to make important progress on multiple fronts.

The world’s economic problems are what they are, and the weather is what it is. We can be assured they both will eventually change for the better, although it’s my sense we’re not through the downside of either yet. But to paraphrase Mark Twain, since everybody complains about the weather, and nobody does anything about it, there is little we can do except endure the heat. On the other hand, as we have through careful stewardship in the past, we can do a great deal to minimize the effect the great economic freeze will have on our collective enterprise.

Our vulnerabilities are less acute than those of others, but they are real and demand our attention, especially if we’re to maintain a margin of comfort. We can, in fact must not fail to be prudently aggressive, taking advantage of, and building on, our many strengths by making strategic investments today, all the while being sure we do not starve our future by feeding our current appetites too generously.

One of the most important and telling examples of our strategic investments you will see in a moment, when departmental leaders introduce some 44 new colleagues, 24 faculty and
20 contract staff, an unprecedented number – in fact, one so large you will be relieved to hear that these remarks will be brief so we are not here all morning.

It’s difficult to say good-bye to long-time friends and dedicated colleagues when they retire, and in important ways, we are diminished by the loss their retirements entail. At the end of last year, Scott Baird in English, Bob Hockey in Physical Education, Petrea Sandlin in Business Administration, Alida Metcalf and Char Miller in History, and Joan Burton in Classical Studies retired. They will be missed . . . but the cycle of regeneration, replenishment, and yes, advancement goes on, and we will be better for what our new colleagues bring.

Both in their number and in their accomplishments the new faculty and staff we welcome to the Trinity community this morning are an extremely impressive group. Their contributions will strengthen us, adding new dimensions to what we do and how well we do it. To all of them I offer on behalf of their new colleagues a very warm official and personal welcome. You may be assured that Trinity is an extraordinary place, strong from the foundations up, with aspirations that continue to stimulate amazing achievements. I look forward to meeting each of you, and getting to know you as you become integral citizens of this altogether admirable academic community.

As is traditional, at the faculty assembly at the end of last year I had the honor of presenting the annual Trinity awards for distinguished achievement. If for no other reason than to re-experience that pleasure, it would be fitting to introduce and congratulate the recipients again today. Happy, however, is the circumstance that ties our pleasures to heuristic opportunity: by congratulating them again at this assembly, we will also introduce our new colleagues to the high expectations and uncommon professional accomplishments of the Trinity faculty and staff that the recipients typify.

Please join me, then, in applauding once more Professor Meredith McGuire (Sociology and Anthropology) who received the Trinity Award for Distinguished Scholarship, Research, or Creative Work; Dr. Richard Reams (Counseling Services) who received the Trinity Award for Distinguished University and Community Service; Professor Mary Ann Tetreault (Political Science) who received the Trinity Award for Distinguished Advising; and Professors Tim O’Sullivan (Classical Studies) and Kathleen Surpless (Geosciences), who received the Trinity Awards for Distinguished Achievement in Teaching and Research by junior faculty.

Two other major award winners from last year should be re-congratulated today, too. Professor Michael Kearl (Sociology and Anthropology) was presented with the Z.T. Scott Award at the spring Commencement ceremonies; and Dr. Gary Neal was presented with the Rhea Fern Malsbury Award at the annual Service Awards ceremony. Please join me in applauding them as well.

On the list of achievements that we celebrated during the spring semester were a number of promotions. Among staff, Gabriel Botello (ITS) was promoted from User Support Services Analyst to Systems Administrator, Todd Siebold from classified staff to contract staff as a User Support Analyst, and Hal Lovejoy (Environmental Safety) from Safety Coordinator to Director of Environmental Health and Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator.
Nine faculty were rewarded for their professional achievements by promotion from assistant professor to associate professor, with tenure. They are:

Aaron Delwiche, Communication
Amer Kaissi, Health Care Administration
Chia-Wei Lee, Music
Jack Leifer, Engineering Science
Kevin Livingstone, Biology
Timothy O’Sullivan, Classical Studies
Wilson Terrell Jr., Engineering Science
Dennis Ugolini, Physics and Astronomy, and
Harry Wallace, Psychology.

Congratulations to all.

In an uncertain world, this year was a particularly uncertain one for enrollments. As Dean Ellertson will tell you, given the circumstances, it was hard to have confidence in many of the usual enrollment predictors and rules of thumb.

Notwithstanding these anxieties, thanks to Chris, his staff, and to all the faculty and non-admissions staff who are active in the student recruitment process, we have achieved every critical enrollment goal. We will be slightly above our target of 640 first years (but not too much above) and above our target of 25 transfers.

If one goes by the combined multiple measures that we now use, the class of 2013 (these dates get harder on the imagination each year!) is the academically strongest and most diverse this decade, which is to say since we have been keeping some of these data. It has the highest recorded grade point average, a 3.55, unweighted, in academic solids, a mean SAT score in combined critical reading and math that is seven points higher than last year, and 75% of them rank in the top 20% of their graduating class.

On non-academic measures of its composition, the class of 2013 is equally impressive. More than 38% of its members are from out-of-state, and 11% are international. It includes students from 37 different states and 40 different countries. Twelve percent are first generation college students, and more than 30% domestic and international – are students of color. The class, in other words, is academically talented throughout, and is diverse in interests, talents, backgrounds, and perspectives.

Summer capital projects have gone well. Of particular importance were the multi-million-dollar renovation of Miller residence hall and the first phase of the multi-year project to enhance and expand our science and engineering facilities. You will recall the first phase involved classroom construction in Parker Chapel, remodeling Chapman lecture hall, and extensive alteration to Storch to accommodate its new residents, the Sociology and Anthropology Department – and congratulations to them on the new digs!
Considerable progress was also made in planning the next phase of the science and engineering project, and I’m optimistic we will be able to present a recommendation for the approval of Phase II to the Board of Trustees in September. Phase II (of what will probably be a four or five phase project over the next five years or so) will be construction of a new 60,000 square foot building between the western ends of Cowles and Moody. The architects for this facility will hold an open information session in Chapman auditorium on September 2 at 5:00 p.m. What they have done so far is pretty exciting, so if you’ve an interest, I urge you to attend, but if that’s not possible, you might be able to coax David Ribble, John Greene, or Diane Smith, who have helped lead the planning process, to provide you with more details.

A *sine qua non* of Trinity’s ability to prosper during these economically challenging times – of our ability to replenish and to expand significantly the size of the faculty, to press ahead with critical capital projects, and to launch or sustain so many other initiatives across all our different divisions – has been the success of *Dream. Inspire. Achieve. The Campaign for Trinity University*, our $200 million capital campaign.

At the Board of Trustees meeting in May we were able to announce to the Board that we had surpassed that goal, and that while there was still work to do and while the campaign will not be officially over until the end of next month, it was time to start thinking about a modest victory party. For the campus community that will happen following New Student Convocation next Wednesday, August 26, with an all-school picnic and campaign celebration. A more formal, public celebration of the campaign’s final total will occur at the President’s Dinner the night before the Board of Trustees meeting in late September, but we couldn’t deny ourselves a chance to do a little celebrating before then with just the campus insiders.

Having surpassed the $200 million mark is an achievement that we should all feel very good about, and everyone involved in the campaign, from volunteers to the Advancement staff, should be proud of their contributions. Not only have we raised an unprecedented sum (unprecedented for Trinity and for this entire region), but we have strengthened Trinity’s present, leavened its future, and created a far, far higher plateau from which to launch future campaigns. At the risk of sounding overly Dickensian, God bless you, every one.

There will always be in the life cycles of great universities both new things and recurring things. In the best of circumstances, much of what we experience has elements of both. Two events that are at once familiar and always new – and to me, among the most affirming and positive things we do – are first, welcoming new colleagues to what we hope, and expect, will be the beginnings of long, gratifying, and productive years at Trinity, and second, welcoming the new first year class to the beginning of what will be among the most important and memorable years of their lives.

The first we will do in just a moment. The second we will do ceremonially at the New Student Convocation next Wednesday, and with a little sweat, tomorrow morning, when Janice and I will join hundreds of other volunteers on lower campus to welcome members of the Class of 2013 and help them move into the residence halls. Please join us on both occasions if you can.
A third event at universities that is a recurring fact of life, but new each time it happens, is the periodic change of presidents, a change I look forward to with profoundly mixed emotions, but one that appears to be on track. The search committee for Trinity’s next president has been meeting regularly, working very hard, and although I am at arm’s length from the process, my impression is that it is on schedule to propose a candidate to the full Board of Trustees at the end of September. The committee has been extraordinarily open and inclusive in its deliberations, while being careful to maintain an appropriate level of confidentiality, a need for which becomes more and more important as the search approaches closure, an event which we all anticipate with great interest.

Finally, Dr. Lee and Dr. Fischer have asked me to plug another important tradition, albeit one of less historic lineage. The Reading TUgether book selection this fall is *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Pulitzer-prize winning author Tracy Kidder, a book that chronicles the work of Dr. Paul Farmer, who is transforming health care on a global scale by focusing on the world's poorest and sickest communities.

Dr. Farmer is a well-known infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, and the recipient of a MacArthur “genius” grant. The featured speaker for Reading TUgether will be Dr. David Walton, a protégé of Dr. Farmer, a physician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, and an instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Walton will speak on the first day of class, next Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. in Laurie Auditorium.

I hope you’ve been able to read the book, but even if you haven’t yet, the lecture should be stimulating, and together with the book itself plays an important role in adding intellectual cohesion and enhanced community to the opening of the academic year. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Immediately following this assembly, there will be a reception with refreshments in the art and music foyer. Please join me then to greet returning friends and the new members of the Trinity family who will be introduced shortly. As that process promises to be both inspiring and considerably longer than normal, I will now turn the meeting over to Dr. Fischer, but I will be happy to answer any questions you may have during the reception or thereafter.

Let me conclude by repeating what I’ve said before many, many times, and in many, many ways: I continue to be honored – and profoundly grateful – to be among the talented and dedicated people that comprise the Trinity community and I hope for each of you a wonderful year, whether you are a new arrival or are fortunate enough to have been here for some time.

Thank you.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY**

Vice President Michael Fischer continued the meeting as chair. He reported that the Code of Conduct has gone through several revisions over the summer and has provoked many thoughtful discussions. Vice President Fischer encouraged faculty members to attend the October 23 meeting of the Academic Faculty Assembly as well as the upcoming fora sponsored by the Faculty Senate.
ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE ACADEMIC FACULTY
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Duane Coltharp was elected by acclamation as Secretary of the Academic Faculty Assembly.

ELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN
Professor Paul Giolma (Engineering Science) was elected by acclamation as Parliamentarian of the Academic Faculty Assembly.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC FACULTY ASSEMBLY OF MAY 1, 2009
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Academic Faculty Assembly of May 1, 2009.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY SENATE
Professor Diane Graves, Chair of the Faculty Senate, introduced the members of the Senate for the 2009-10 academic year: Mark Brodl (Biology), Mark Garrison (Art and Art History), Tucker Gibson (Political Science), Andrew Hansen (Speech and Drama), Benjamin Harris (Library), Laura Hunsicker-Wang (Chemistry), Mike Kearl (Sociology and Anthropology), Nanette Le Coat (Modern Languages and Literatures), Brian Miceli (Mathematics), Paul Myers (Computer Science), Debra Ochoa (Modern Languages and Literatures), Willis Salomon (English), Claudia Stokes (English), Ronnie Swanner (Center for Learning and Technology), Rita Urquijo-Ruiz (Modern Languages and Literatures), Michael Ward (Modern Languages and Literatures), Carol Yoder (Psychology), and Yu Zhang (Computer Science). She also summarized the major projects that the Senate is currently addressing:

- The Senate will continue to develop the proposed Code of Conduct policy, which will include procedures designed to protect the rights and freedoms of faculty members.
- The Senate will revise the proposed Open Access policy in order to clarify the effect that this policy will have on faculty publications.
- The Senate is working to revise the family and dependent care leave policy in order to create an opt-out rather than an opt-in system.
- The Senate will consider the recommendations contained in the recent review of the Academic Honor Code.
- The Senate will continue to explore the possibility of moving to a 3/2 teaching load.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COUNCIL
Professor Andrew Kania, Chair of the University Curriculum Council, introduced the members of the UCC for the 2009-10 academic year: Carlos Ardavin (Modern Languages and Literatures), David Crockett (Political Science), Jessica Hollenbeck (Chemistry), Andrew Kania (Philosophy), Kevin Livingstone (Biology), Kate Lopez (Business Administration), Linda McNeil (Music), Kevin Nickels (Engineering Science), David Rando (English), Bea Caraway (Library), and Fred
Rodriguez (Registrar). He also summarized the major projects that the UCC is currently addressing:

- A new policy governing student internships;
- A revised policy governing external credit;
- A review of the Senior Experience requirement of the Common Curriculum;
- A proposed Writing across the Curriculum program;

Professor Kania also mentioned that two researchers from Vanderbilt University will be including Trinity students in a study of the effects of double and triple majors.

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND CONTRACT STAFF

**Fiscal Affairs**
Paul Chapa, Director of Security

**Information Technology Services**
John Sonnen, Director of Enterprise Information Systems

**Institutional Research**
John Orange, Institutional Research Analyst

**Conferences and Special Programs**
Bruce Bravo, Assistant Director of Conferences and Special Programs

**Student Affairs**
Raphael Moffett, Director of Campus & Community Involvement

**University Advancement**
Debbie Brient, Assistant Vice President for University Advancement

**University Communications**
Brita Munsinger, Web Programmer

**Admissions/Financial Aid**
Sara Christiansen, Assistant Director of Admissions

**Athletics**
Jennifer Rose Porreca, Coordinator of Intramural and Club Sports

**KRTU**
Chris Karcher, Associate General Manager for Development and Community Outreach
Ronald Nirenberg, Associate General Manager for Programming
James Swerzenski, Operations Manager
TU Press
Judy McEwen, Business Manager

Art and Art History
Douglas Brine, Assistant Professor
Kathryn O’Rourke, Assistant Professor

Biology
Renee Chosed, Visiting Assistant Professor
Michele Johnson, Assistant Professor
Troy Murphy, Assistant Professor

Business Administration
Carlos Martinez, Visiting Assistant Professor
Julie Persellin, Assistant Professor
Deli Yang, Richard M. Burr and Donald N. Clark Professor of International Business

Classical Studies
Sarah Bolmarcich, Visiting Assistant Professor
Corinne Pache, Associate Professor

Chemistry
Marilyn Wooten, Visiting Instructor

Communication
Amber Hutchins, Assistant Professor
Lou Rutigliano, Assistant Professor

Economics
Nels Christiansen, Assistant Professor
David Macpherson, E. M. Stevens Professor of Economics

Education
Audree Hernandez, Assistant Director for Upward Bound
Beatriz Strawhun, Clinical Math Educator
Jeffrey Nordine, Assistant Professor

English
Jeffrey Rufo, Assistant Professor
Krupa Shandilya, Assistant Professor

Environmental Studies
Gregory Hazleton, Post-Doctoral Fellow

Geosciences
Leslie Bleamaster, Visiting Assistant Professor
History
Christopher Albi, Visiting Instructor
Nicole Marafioti, Assistant Professor

Modern Languages and Literatures
Debbie Cunningham, Visiting Instructor
Jie Zhang, Assistant Professor

Music
Gary Seighman, Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities

Philosophy
Damian Caluori, Assistant Professor

Political Science
Katsuo Nishikawa, Assistant Professor
Hyon Joo Yoo, Assistant Professor

Psychology
Kevin McIntyre, Assistant Professor
Kimberley Phillips, Associate Professor

Religion
Angela Tarango, Assistant Professor

Sociology and Anthropology
Tahir Naqvi, Assistant Professor

OTHER
President Brazil invited all faculty members to the President’s Reception in the Dicke/Smith foyer immediately following the adjournment of the Faculty Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Duane Coltharp
Secretary of the Faculty
CALL TO ORDER
Michael Fischer, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, called the meeting to order. Vice President Fischer invited Professor Judith Fisher, Co-Chair of the Information Literacy Committee, to report on the progress of the Information Literacy project.

Professor Fisher reported that the IL Committee has thus far made twenty-six grants in the 2009-10 academic year to support the development of new courses and the revision of existing courses. Professor Fisher also noted that there are now three IL peer tutors working in the Coates Library. The IL Committee has awarded its first grant to support a student project, and this year it will also be announcing awards for undergraduate research papers and projects. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2010.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC FACULTY ASSEMBLY OF AUGUST 20, 2009
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Academic Faculty Assembly of August 20, 2009. The motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY SENATE
Professor Diane Graves, Chair of the Faculty Senate, reported that the Senate has a newly enhanced web site. Professor Graves also noted that, in keeping with a Senate vote from 2008, the President will be asked to entertain questions for ten minutes at the beginning of each Faculty Assembly. Professor Graves has queried incoming President Dennis Ahlburg, who has agreed to add a question and answer session to Faculty Assembly agendas in the future.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to revise policies governing family leave (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 3A, Article IV.D; Chapter 8F, Article VI; and Chapter 8F, Article VII). The motion carried.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to revise “Guidelines for the Course Evaluation Instrument” (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 6H, Article III). The motion carried.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to create a “Trinity University Open Access Policy.” The motion carried, with the understanding that the Faculty Senate will later develop language for inclusion in the Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to create a “Code of Conduct” (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 8D).
A motion was made and seconded to insert “accused party and the” in section B.1.a, as follows: “In all cases, the Department Chair or Vice President shall notify the accused party and the Assistant Vice President for Human Resources of the substance of the complaint.” The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to replace “offense” with “accusation” (B.1.b), “offending party” with “accused party” (B.1.b), “offending party” with “accused party, when appropriate” (B.1.d), and “alleged offender” with “accused party” (B.2). The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to commit the main motion to the Faculty Senate for further study. The motion was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to insert “intentionally” in section A, as follows: “It is a violation of this code to engage in intentionally threatening, harassing, or abusive conduct or speech.” The motion was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to strike “and he/she shall preserve documentation reflecting the results of any formal or informal investigations” in section B.1.a, as follows: “The Assistant Vice President for Human Resources shall provide guidance to the Department Chair or Vice President in responding to the complaint, and he/she shall preserve documentation reflecting the results of any formal or informal investigations.” The motion was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to strike “formal or” in section B.1.a, as follows: “The Assistant Vice President for Human Resources shall provide guidance to the Department Chair or Vice President in responding to the complaint, and he/she shall preserve documentation reflecting the results of any formal or informal investigations.” The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to insert the following sentence at the end of B.2.a.ii: “The Assistant Vice President for Human Resources shall preserve documentation reflecting the results of any formal investigations.” The motion carried.

The motion to create a “Code of Conduct” was adopted as amended.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to revise “Termination of Tenured or Unexpired Appointments” (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 3A, Article V). The motion carried.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to revise “Due Process” (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 3A, Article VI). The motion carried.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to create “Dismissal Procedures for Gross Misconduct” (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 3A, Article VI.C).

A motion was made and seconded to strike the following sentence: “Examples of gross misconduct include an egregious violation or an egregious pattern of violations of the Harassment policies (Chapter 8C), an egregious violation or an egregious pattern of violations of
the Code of Conduct policy (*Chapter 8D*), or serious crimes such as felonies.” The motion carried.

The motion to create “Dismissal Procedures for Gross Misconduct” was adopted as amended.

Finally, Professor Graves presented a motion to revise “Severe Sanctions” (*Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook*, Chapter 3A, Article VII.A). The motion carried.

**REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COUNCIL**
Professor Kevin Nickels, Vice Chair of the University Curriculum Council, presented a motion to revise add/drop policies. The motion carried.

Professor Nickels then presented a motion to create a minor in Ethics, a minor in Philosophy of Art, and a minor in Logic and Cognition.

A motion was made and seconded to revise the title of the Minor in Logic and Cognition by inserting “the Philosophy of,” as follows: “Minor in Logic and the Philosophy of Cognition.” The motion carried.

The motion to create a minor in Ethics, a minor in Philosophy of Art, and a minor in Logic and the Philosophy of Cognition was adopted as amended.

Professor Nickels then presented a motion to create a minor in Sport Management. The motion carried.

Finally, Professor Nickels presented a motion to eliminate the minor in Physical Education. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Duane Coltharp
Secretary of the Faculty
CALL TO ORDER
President John Brazil called the meeting to order and offered some brief remarks on the following items:

- President Brazil is working closely with President-elect Dennis Ahlburg to ensure a smooth transition.
- Planning for the 2010-11 budget has begun, and the University continues to enjoy a sound financial condition.
- The first phase of the planned science and engineering facility is almost fully funded.
- Purchase of the Oblate property has been delayed because a potentially endangered species of spider has been discovered on the property.
- President Brazil expressed his gratitude to the faculty and the campus community for the opportunity to serve Trinity over the past ten years.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY
Vice President Michael Fischer continued the meeting as chair.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC FACULTY ASSEMBLY OF OCTOBER 23, 2009
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Academic Faculty Assembly of October 23, 2009. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED AT WINTER COMMENCEMENT ON DECEMBER 19, 2009
It was moved and seconded to approve the list of candidates for degrees to be conferred at Winter Commencement on December 19, 2009. Fred Rodriguez offered two corrections. The motion carried, and the list was approved, conditional upon the candidates’ satisfactory completion of their respective degree requirements.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY SENATE
Professor Diane Graves, Chair of the Faculty Senate, reported that the Senate has created an Open Access Committee to implement the new Open Access policy. The Senate has also formed an ad hoc committee, in conjunction with the University Curriculum Council, to investigate alternative teaching-load and curricular models.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to create handbook language for a “Trinity University Open Access Policy” (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 5C). The motion carried.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to revise the Academic Honor Code (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 6K).
Professor Harry Wallace moved to delete all references to percentages in Chapter 6K, Article IV. The motion carried.

Professor Nina Ekstein moved to add the following sentence to Chapter 6K, Article II.C: “Simply stating that one did not choose to plagiarize is not in itself exculpatory.” The motion carried.

The motion to revise the Academic Honor Code was adopted as amended.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COUNCIL
Professor Andrew Kania, Chair of the University Curriculum Council, reported that the UCC continues to work on an internship policy, a revised external-credit policy, and the evaluation of the Senior Experience.

Professor Kania then presented a motion to create a minor in Biomathematics. The motion carried.

Professor Kania then presented a motion to revise “The Major” (Courses of Study Bulletin, p. 42).

Professor Saber Elaydi moved to delete the sentence, “As part of the application process, students must complete an online evaluation of the first-year advising program,” and to insert the following sentence: “Students may complete an online evaluation or written evaluation of the first-year advising program during the student evaluation of the First-Year Seminar.” The motion died for lack of a second.

Professor Mahbub Uddin moved to revise one sentence as follows: “As part of the application process, students must are strongly encouraged to complete an online evaluation of the first-year advising program.” The motion carried.

The motion to revise “The Major” was adopted as amended.

Professor Kania then presented a motion to revise the Computer Skills requirement (Courses of Study Bulletin, p. 37).

Professor Paul Myers moved to revise one sentence as follows: “Students must fulfill this requirement by taking successful completion of one of the approved courses or by successful completion of the IT Skills exam given during their first year.” The motion carried.

Professor Mike Kearl moved to revise item II.B.7 as follows: “Information Ethics (e.g., privacy, legal use and citation of software and data, etc.).” The motion carried.

The motion to revise the Computer Skills requirement was adopted as amended.
Professor Kania then presented a motion to revise the title, the number, and the description of ANTH 3364 (new number: ANTH 3464) (old title: Economic Anthropology; new title: Morality in the Marketplace). The motion carried.

Finally, Professor Kania presented a motion to revise Understanding Human Social Interaction (Courses of Study Bulletin, pp. 40-41).

Professor John Huston moved to revise the proposed “Approaches to the Social Sciences” criteria by combining the first two bullet points, by inserting “or,” and by replacing “Application of” with “Courses apply.” The motion carried.

The motion to revise Understanding Human Social Interaction was defeated.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Duane Coltharp
Secretary of the Faculty
CALL TO ORDER
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty Michael Fischer called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC FACULTY ASSEMBLY OF DECEMBER 10, 2009
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Academic Faculty Assembly of December 10, 2009. The motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY SENATE
Professor Diane Graves, Chair of the Faculty Senate, thanked those senators who completed their terms in January and introduced the newly elected senators. Professor Graves reported that President Dennis Ahlburg has met three times with the Faculty Senate since taking office in January. Professor Graves also noted that the Senate has defeated two proposals from the Association of Student Representatives – the first to create student representation on the Faculty Senate, the second to create an electronic archive of course syllabi. Looking ahead to the 2010-11 academic year, Professor Graves noted that the Senate will be supervising several fifth-year reviews of University administrators (Vice President Michael Fischer, Vice President Charles White, University Librarian Diane Graves, and Associate Vice President Duane Coltharp) and one third-year review (Associate Vice President Sheryl Tynes).

Professor Graves then presented a motion to revise language relating to representation on the search committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate and Assistant Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, and the University Librarian (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 3C, Article I.B.4.a). The motion carried.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to revise language relating to representation on the search committee for the Vice President for Information Resources and Administrative Affairs, Associate and Assistant Vice Presidents for Information Resources and Administrative Affairs, the Director of Institutional Research, and the Director of Information Technology Services (Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, Chapter 3C, Article I.B.4.b).

Professor Steven Bachrach moved to amend the proposal by adding “the University Librarian” to the list of administrators. The motion carried.

The motion to revise language relating to representation on the search committee for the Vice President for Information Resources and Administrative Affairs, Associate and Assistant Vice Presidents for Information Resources and Administrative Affairs, the Director of Institutional Research, and the Director of Information Technology Services was defeated.
Professor Graves then presented a motion to revise the policy governing On-Campus Sales of Instructional Materials to Students (*Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook*, Chapter 6B, Article XVIII).

Professor Mackenzie Brown moved to delete the second paragraph in section I and to delete item II.2. The motion carried.

The motion to revise the policy governing On-Campus Sales of Instructional Materials to Students was defeated.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to create a statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities (*Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook*, Chapter 6A).

Professor Rob Huesca moved to delete the material under “Acts of Intolerance” after the first sentence and to delete the material in the first paragraph under “Civility” after the first sentence. The motion carried.

Professor Bill Christ moved to delete the last sentence in the first paragraph under “Public Expression.” The motion carried.

The motion to create a statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities was adopted as amended.

Professor Graves then presented a motion to eliminate the Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students (*Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook*, Chapter 6A). The motion carried.

Finally, Professor Graves presented a motion to revise the Policy Statement on Harassment (*Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook*, Chapter 8C).

Professor Claudia Stokes moved to revise Chapter 8C, Article I.C.1.a as follows: “If you are comfortable discussing the matter with the person who is the source of the problem, that may resolve the issue. If you are not comfortable discussing your concerns in this manner, you are not required to do so. If comfortable, a person who has been offended by the conduct of another may discuss the issue with the person who has offended him or her and this may resolve the issue.” The motion carried.

Professor Stokes then moved to revise Chapter 8C, Article II.B.3 as follows: “Amendments may be initiated by the Faculty Senate, the Academic Faculty, the Association of Student Representatives, or the Board of Trustees. Before voting upon a prepared amendment, at least fourteen days notice shall be given in writing to the membership of the Faculty Senate, the Academic Faculty, the Association of Student Representatives, or the Board of Trustees.” The motion carried.

Professor Matt Stroud moved to revise three passages (one passage in the introductory paragraph of Chapter 8C, two passages in Chapter 8C, Article I.A.2) by inserting “gender identity, gender expression.” The motion carried.
Professor Rich Butler presented a three-part motion:

1. To revise Chapter 8C, Article I.C.1.b as follows: “In the process of attempting to resolve the complaint, the accused will be notified of the complaint and given an opportunity to respond. In addition, statements may be taken and witness interviews may be conducted.”

2. To revise Chapter 8C, Article I.C.2 by inserting the following language: “The complainant will submit a written description of the offensive behavior and the circumstances surrounding it to the parties responsible for overseeing investigation of the complaint. Upon receipt of the written statement, the alleged offender should be provided with a copy of the statement and identity of the party making the complaint.”

3. To revise Chapter 8C, Article I.C.2.b by rearranging two sentences as follows: “In addition to interviewing the person asserting a complaint, the Committee will interview the person who allegedly violated this policy. The Committee has the discretion to decide whom else to meet with or interview in connection with the investigation.”

Professor Paula Hertel moved to amend the amendment by deleting the first part. The motion carried.

Professor Butler’s amendment was adopted as amended.

Professor Brian Miceli moved to revise Chapter 8C, Article I.C.2.b as follows: “In addition to interviewing the person asserting a complaint, the Committee will make every reasonable effort to interview the person who allegedly violated this policy.” The motion carried.

Professor Harry Wallace moved to amend Chapter 8C, Article I.C.2 as follows: “The complainant will may submit a written description of the offensive behavior and the circumstances surrounding it to the parties responsible for overseeing investigation of the complaint.” The motion was defeated.

The motion to revise the Policy Statement on Harassment was adopted as amended.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COUNCIL

Professor Andrew Kania, Chair of the University Curriculum Council, reported that the UCC continues to work on developing a University-wide internship policy and to scrutinize the appropriateness of the Senior Experience.

Professor Kania then presented a motion to revise policies governing external credit.

Professor Chris Purcell moved to amend the motion as follows:

- “A maximum of 18 semester hours of external credit may be used to satisfy the Understandings of the Common Curriculum.”
• “Trinity believes that its students should fulfill a majority at least half of their degree requirements in residence.”

• “At least 63 62 hours must be earned in residence to complete a baccalaureate degree.”

• “At least 48-15 credit hours of each major must be earned in residence, and at least 12 of those hours must be upper division.”

• “Students with 63-62 or more semester hours earned at Trinity who wish to enroll in an approved study abroad program in their senior year may be exempted from the last 30 hours-in-residence requirement. Students who transfer to Trinity with 50 or more credit hours may count up to 15 semester hours of approved study abroad credit toward the 63-62-hour residence requirement.”

The motion carried.

The motion to revise policies governing external credit was adopted as amended.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Coltharp
Secretary of the Faculty
CALL TO ORDER
President Dennis Ahlburg called the meeting to order and offered some brief remarks on the following topics:

- The number of deposited first-year students for 2010-11 is significantly lower than the number for 2009-10.
- The University has enjoyed a very successful year in the hiring of new faculty.
- The University has selected Greenhouse Partners of Boulder, Colorado, as a consulting firm to assist in strategic planning.
- The University has hired two new vice presidents: Tracy Christeson, Vice President for University Advancement and Communications; and Mark Detterick, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs.

Finally, President Ahlburg fielded a few questions from the floor.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY
Vice President Michael Fischer continued the meeting as chair.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC FACULTY ASSEMBLY OF MARCH 26, 2010
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Academic Faculty Assembly of March 26, 2010. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED AT THE MAY 15, 2010, COMMENCEMENT
It was moved and seconded to approve the list of candidates for degrees to be conferred at the May 15, 2010, Commencement. The motion passed, and the list was approved, conditional upon the candidates’ satisfactory completion of their respective degree requirements.

REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC HONOR COUNCIL
Professor Carl Hubbard, Advisor to the Academic Honor Council, reported on the activities of the Honor Council for 2009-10. As of April 30, there have been twenty-four hearings in 2009-10 involving thirty-one students. Of those thirty-one students, twenty-one (sixty-eight percent) were found responsible. Most of those found responsible entered pleas of responsibility and cooperated with the hearing panels. There was one successful appeal, and that was by an instructor regarding a sanction.

Professor Hubbard also noted that three amendments were made to the Honor Code in 2009-10. The sanctions for violations were described more clearly, the notion of intent to cheat was added to the Code, and Council membership was expanded from twenty to twenty-two members.
REPORT FROM THE FACULTY SENATE
Professor Diane Graves, Chair of the Faculty Senate, reported that the Senate has abandoned the attempt to revise policies governing the on-campus sale of instructional materials. The Senate will hold a retreat in August to prepare for a busy legislative agenda in 2010-11.

On behalf of the Faculty Senate, Professor Brian Miceli conducted elections for the Hearing and Investigating Committees. There were no nominations from the floor. Paper ballots were distributed. The results will be announced within the next few days.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COUNCIL
Professor Andrew Kania, Chair of the UCC, reported that in the 2009-10 academic year, the UCC has approved revisions to the University’s add/drop policy and the external credit policy. In 2010-11, the UCC plans to bring motions to the Faculty Assembly creating a campus-wide internship policy and eliminating the Senior Experience as a requirement within the Common Curriculum. A joint ad hoc committee formed by the Faculty Senate and the UCC continues to study the relationship between teaching loads and curricular models.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Vice President Fischer announced the recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Awards, and President Ahlburg presented each recipient with a commemorative medal and an award of $2,000.

- Junior Faculty Awards for Distinguished Teaching and Research:
  Nicolle Hirschfeld (Classical Studies) and Andrew Porter (English)

- Award for Distinguished University and Community Service:
  Curtis Brown (Philosophy)

- Award for Distinguished Advising:
  Richard Burr (Business Administration)

- Award for Distinguished Scholarship, Research, or Creative Work or Activity:
  David Heller (Music)

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Duane Coltharp
Secretary of the Faculty