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1. Opening Prayer: Dr. Biers opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Roll Call: Thirty of thirty-nine Senators were present. Not all student representatives have been elected at the time of the first meeting; in particular the Humanities Student Senator had not yet been appointed.

3. Dr. Biers announced changes in personnel to the Academic Senate. Senator Grunenwald accepted a full-time appointment to the University and relinquished his position on the Academic Senate as representative for Adjunct Faculty. Senator Craig Letavec will fill that position until January, 2006. Senator Youngblut accepted a position in the Office of the Dean, College of Arts & Sciences and relinquished both her positions on the Academic Senate as representative for the Humanities and her position on ECAS. The standard guidelines for replacement as set forth by the Constitution of the Academic Senate can not be implemented in this case since all possibilities for replacement have been exhausted and the position is unfilled. According to the Constitution, the responsibility to select the choice of replacement belongs to ECAS with final approval given by the full Academic Senate. ECAS proposed to replace Senator Youngblut with Dr. Peggy Strain. Dr. Biers called for a motion; it was seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the appointment of Senator Strain. The appointment is valid until January 2006. Similarly, guidelines to replace Senator Youngblut on ECAS could not be administered. ECAS recommended the appointment of Senator Thompson, faculty representative of Humanities, to serve as Senator Youngblut's replacement on ECAS until January 2006. Dr. Biers called for a motion; it was seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Senator Thompson to ECAS.

4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 15, 2005 meeting of the Academic Senate were approved.
5. **Marianist Education Information:** Dr. Benson provided a presentation on the purpose and status of the Marianist Education Working Group. He based his comments on a two-page document he distributed. He introduced the working group by name and division, stated its mission, summarized the work in progress, and discussed lessons learned at the AAC&U Institute on General Education.

6. **North Central:** Dr. Kim Trick, as a member of the University’s organizing committee for the North Central Evaluation Process, updated the Senate on preliminary preparations. Faculty members have already received preliminary materials through campus mail.

7. **Financial Impact of High Enrollment:** Dr. Pestello accepted an invitation from ECAS to discuss the financial impact due to the large number of first year students. The Provost has provided the units additional resources to deliver the curriculum to first-year students. The Provost will provide resources to academic support units and nonacademic units to ensure that these students have a first-rate experience beyond the classroom as well. The question was posed, why not resources for upper class students. In response to the large number of first year students, the Provost is committing the extra resources to support the first-year students. Appropriate resources will be allocated each year as this class makes its way through a four year program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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