Provost Entzminger called the meeting to order.

He asked if there were any corrections to the September 7, 2006 Council minutes. Professor Rupert moved acceptance.

Honoring Retiring Faculty. Dr. McAinsh distributed material from the subcommittee summarizing their discussion and recommendations.

1. President or Provost asks honoree to stand at his/her seat, says nice things, applause.
2. At graduation, the honorees become part of the platform party. Early in the ceremony, President or Provost says nice things, presents a plaque, applause. Honorees descend to join the rest of the faculty.
3. Each honoree is escorted to the stage (by Marshall, or Area or department chair, or senior colleague). President or Provost says nice things, presents a plaque, applause.
4. Each honoree is escorted to the stage (by Marshall, or Area or department chair, or senior colleague). Escorting colleague says nice things (being firmly instructed to limit remarks to x minutes), a plaque is presented, applause.
5. Each honoree is escorted to the stage (by Marshall, or Area or department chair, or senior colleague). Escorting colleague says nice things (being firmly instructed to limit remarks to x minutes), a plaque is presented, honoree speaks, applause.

McAinsh stated that the subcommittee recommended Option 2 as well as having the recognition when the faculty member stops full time teaching.

Dr. Ablondi asked if phased retirement could be changed or was it final once set up.

Ms. Robbins said that the students saw no problem with recognizing retiring faculty at commencement.

It was pointed out that Honors Day was probably too crowded to ensure proper recognition.

Summer Registration/Orientation. A group has been appointed by the president to make recommendations for implementation of these new projects.
**Student Senate Issues.** Ms. Robbins said that the Senate had been discussing dismissing classes on Good Friday because there was a widespread student sentiment to do so. The Council briefly discussed the topic but does not intend to continue consideration.

Three items on the agenda will be taken up at a later time: Peer Institution Benchmarking; North Central Association Visit; Assessment.

**Honorary Degrees Committee.**

The Council discussed the concerns raised at the faculty meeting and related issues.

- Should the committee be made a Trustee committee?
- A Trustee committee would not be responsible to report action to the faculty.
- Remaining a faculty committee preserves faculty involvement.

**New Computer Issue.** A meeting will take place soon to formulate a policy regarding downloading software on office computers.

**Dr. Ablondi** asked for clarification regarding the criteria for allocating new tenure track faculty.

A few members mentioned that there seemed to be confusion about the budget process. **Entzminger** said that a meeting with department chairs and **Vice President Young** could be arranged if necessary to help clear up any misunderstanding.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.