Dr. Entzminger called the meeting to order.

I. The Council minutes from August 24, 2006 stand as presented.

II. Continuing Business
   A. Honoring Retiring Faculty. Entzminger suggested that a committee of Bruce Haggard, Garrett McAinsh, and Holly Robbins (student senate representative) develop a proposal for a formal convocation. They were reminded that this should not infringe on the student’s awards and Honors Day convocation. Departmental plans would be unaffected by this event.

   B. Summer Registration. Entzminger mentioned that he would be meeting with Karen Foust on Friday, September 9 and won’t have any new information until after that meeting.

   C. Peer Institution Benchmarking. Still working on one or two sets of institutions with which to identify.

   D. North Central Visit. Committee on Faculty is still discussing a possible chair for this, and discussing possible workshops for this person to attend in preparation.

III. New Business
   A. B.A./M.D. A question has come up as to whether we have a policy regarding awarding degrees for students who leave Hendrix before completing their required coursework to attend medical school. Haggard recalled that this has come up in the past, but that most of the Natural Science area faculty would be against it for the following reasons: the trend at medical schools is to accept candidates with bachelors and even masters degrees; and that concentrating only in the courses required for medical school would go against what a liberal arts education is supposed to provide. All agreed that it ought to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

   B. Committee on Committees Recommendation for Honorary Degrees. McAinsh said that it looked like the faculty role in the recommendation is nicely protected and is surprised with the lack of faculty involvement in the process at some of the other ACS Institutions. Dr. Cloyd explained how at other institutions the faculty are responsible for the degree in the course of
study while the administrators would be responsible for the presenting of honorary degrees.

IV. Faculty Meeting Agenda. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.