WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:
President Nancy Wilgenbusch welcomed everyone to the final PSAC meeting for academic year 2006-7. She introduced Fr. Rick Ganz, Director of University Ministry at Gonzaga University and a Trustee on the Marylhurst Board, who led us in an opening prayer. We then spent a few minutes introducing ourselves to Fr. Rick.

GRADUATING STUDENT UPDATE:
The President asked graduating PSAC members to share their plans for the future. Deb Scott will take a year off and then pursue her Masters degree. She’s seriously considering both the MAIS program at Marylhurst and the Urban Design program at PSU. Tina Scialabba said she is also looking closely at the MAIS program, or she may simply begin working in her field, Interior Design. Nicole McDavid is getting married (congratulations!), and she has accepted a position assisting a Music Therapist with her private practice.

PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE:
President Wilgenbusch announced her retirement, effective the end of June 2008. The Board of Trustees has created a Presidential Search Committee with Board Chair, Ruth Beyer, at the helm. The President encouraged PSAC members to share this news with their fellow students and to plan on attending one of the Student Forums that would be organized to assist the Search Committee in recruiting and selecting the appropriate candidate for this position.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE:
Michael Lammers reported on the continuing progress of the Campus Master Plan. He shared a construction flowchart with us, outlining the work and the timetable we expect to achieve over the summer months. Again, the main entrance to campus is being rebuilt with an eye to improving infrastructure - such as lighting, storm-water drainage, upgraded pipes for fresh water, and new sidewalks for easy pedestrian access from Hwy 43 and the bus stop to the heart of campus. This project will allow us to install upgraded electrical service underground and increase lighting on walkways, leading to increased safety and convenience for students moving between the Chapel, the Library, and the Administration buildings. During the summer months when the central roadway is under construction, students and staff will have access to campus via the two-way gravel road that was recently installed south of BP John. Once the central roadway is finished and re-opened, construction will begin to make the gravel road into a permanent structure and to install additional parking for easier access to the Mayer Art Building and BP John. In addition, the City of Lake Oswego has conditioned us to landscape along Hwy
43 in a manner similar to the landscaping at Mary’s Woods, next door. Both the landscaping and the central road project should be completed by the start of Fall term

ACADEMIC UPDATE:
David Plotkin highlighted two new programs at Marylhurst: the Accelerated Online Program and the Master of Arts in Teaching.
- The AOP was launched last fall and currently has 111 students enrolled. We forecast 300 by the end of the coming year. New hardware systems have been installed to accommodate AOP, additional staff has been hired, and the portal itself is still under construction. We have plans for a phased roll-out of several new services in the future. Any suggestions or comments can be directed to David or to Lin Ly, the portal manager.
- The Marylhurst Masters in Teaching was approved last March, upon it’s first submission, and we continue to hear positive things from a variety of constituencies. Our program was developed by Tom Ruhl, who is well known in the academic community and continues to serve as Chair of the department. He designed the program to include two post-service specialties, the Reading Endorsement and the ESL Endorsement. This program differentiates itself by offering practical field experiences beginning with the first term of study. And each student will be assigned an experienced mentor to assist and guide them, again starting with the first year.

OPEN FORUM:
Issue: Will the Human Sciences Department ever offer a Gerontology Certificate?
Response: David Plotkin responded. At this time, the university has a moratorium on new degrees and programs. It’s understood there are people anxious to see this certificate offered at Marylhurst, but every academic discipline we offer has had to work its way through the Program Development Cycle. The Program Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees, has nine substantive questions that must be addressed. Once this requirement is satisfied, a plan has to be presented to the full cabinet for a vote. In addition, all new programs have to meet institutional rationale, as set forth in the Strategic Plan submitted to NWCCU, the governing body under which Marylhurst is accredited. Based on currently identified priorities, we are not in a position to develop any new programs at this time or in the near future.

Issue: Now that there’s no housing on campus, what can be done to identify local hotels that will offer a student discount?
Response: Staff from several different departments on campus have worked on this. Initially, Enrollment Management (Student Services) made arrangements with several nearby hotels. But that was several years ago, and we’ve discovered the hotels we’ve been recommending are inconsistent about providing the discount. Many will only discounted rates if the university can guarantee a minimum of 100 nights per year. Unfortunately, this isn’t something Marylhurst can promise. In addition, we’ve had several hotels tell us they would offer specific discounted rates to our students, only to hear later from the students that they were denied a discount. Fr. Rick suggested students might have more success using hotels.com. Michael suggested students visit a hostel in Portland. And although we’ve been working to identify a single hotel that will honor our student and faculty needs, until that materializes, housing is no longer a service the university can provide. The President asked for additional administrative support to move the issue along, and Nancy Hoover offered to take it to the Student Services Executive Council. David Plotkin also suggested we provide a link on My Marylhurst or the ANGEL website for easy student access.

Issue: The Science and Interior Design programs have a great deal of conviction and intention around sustainability and green building practices. What is the university doing to address
these issues during our recent renovation projects? It could be the university is doing a great deal to incorporate sustainable practices into these projects, and it’s simply not being communicated to students. If that’s the case, how can we get the word out?

**Response:** Michael Lammers explained that the university has no formal policy regarding recycling and green building, but the Administration is actively supportive of both. We’ve used recycled materials in various building renovation projects, and we’ve sent materials from our facility off-site to be recycled. We’ve even brought machines on campus to grind up the asphalt we removed from our parking lots and roadways, so it can be used to make other roads - here and elsewhere. We have plans to apply for certification as a salmon-safe campus, and Michael works closely with Jan Dabrowski, Chair of the Science Department, to manage the campus watershed, grounds, and landscaping. It was suggested that students and faculty who share an interest in the physical plant create an online forum for discussion and posting of articles. The forum could be used to increase awareness among both on- and off-campus students of who we are and what we do. The forum could also be used to generate additional PR for the various environmental events that we host on campus. The President asked Pat Wittenberg to find a way to connect online staff with the students who are interested in creating and supporting a forum such as this.

**Issue:** Does the Campus Master Plan provide for a building to house the Art Therapy program?

**Response:** Again Michael Lammers responded. He affirmed that Marylhurst is committed to housing all of its programs in spaces that are appropriate. The Administration is very aware that Davignon Hall is not the ideal space for Art Therapy. Administrative staff have been meeting regularly with Bob Moreland of MCM Architects and with students in the MU Interior Design program, for very intentional discussions to identify the needs, the wants, and the facility options that will best provide for all of our academic programs. Michael reminded everyone there are staffing and safety issues to consider, as well. And finally, our Development Department has to be able to persuade donors to support whatever decisions we make around our facilities. Marian Hall will be vacated soon, so our most recent conversations have been specific to that building. In the end, Michael affirmed the willingness and commitment of the Administration to involve students in the evaluation and the decision-making processes related to program needs and locations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.