

#### 4-20 President's report

- On behalf of the faculty I have expressed condolences to my counterpart at Virginia Tech in re the recent massacre there.
- There will be a meeting of the Board of Visitors on Monday April 30. The meetings will be attended by Senate liaisons as follows: Finance (Vachris), Student Life (Adamitis), Academic Affairs (Guajardo), Development (Whiting), Full Board (Schwarze).
- This year's last meeting between the full Senate and the President and Provost will take place on Friday, April 27 at 4 PM in the Brauer Room.
- A memo has been sent by the office of the CLAS Dean in re Priority Registration (ie the process by which certain categories of students – e.g., athletes, President's Leadership Program, honors, residence hall assistants, police aides - are able to register before "regular" students), and in this memo is expressed concern that the process makes it difficult for many students to graduate on time.
- Parking changes: open parking hours changed from 3 p.m to 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.—student cars must be removed from the lots one hour earlier—before classes begin at 8 a.m.
- Grade distributions: The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) has discussed Senate data with the President and Provost. It appears that while departments do need to address the distribution issue (See Senate recommendations later in the meeting.), grades have become the signifier of how we challenge our students, and this is the substantive issue. Specifically at issue are questions such as these: How do we challenge our students to do their best work? How do we demand excellence so that they will achieve? How can we challenge them better? The SEC has suggested that the faculty engage in a university-wide discussion of these issues next year under the auspices of the provost, deans, and department chairs.
- Base-adequacy funding models will be re-run this summer in Richmond with new guidelines, including the increased size of CNU's faculty.
- My thanks and gratitude to the members of the 2006-07 Faculty Senate for all of their very hard work this year on behalf of the CNU faculty. It has been a pleasure working with you.