1. **Introductions:** Dr. Karen Roberto welcomed the membership to the new year of the Commission. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. **Election of Vice Chair:** Dr. Mike Akers was nominated to serve as vice chair but declined the nomination. Dr. Robert Grange volunteered and was elected as vice chair.

3. **Overview – 2006-2007 Agenda:** Dr. Roberto provided background on some of the topics that will come before the Commission this academic year.

4. **University Center Reviews:** Dr. Roberto and Dr. Pickering explained the process by which university centers and their directors are reviewed. The review report for the Human Computer Interaction Center will be presented at an upcoming meeting by Sherri Turner with the director, Dr. Francis Quek, possibly attending the meeting. Two state authorized centers, the Housing Center and the Water Center, will be reviewed this year. Dr. Roberto asked for volunteers to serve on the review committees. Ms. Gray volunteered to serve on the Housing Center review committee and Dr. Akers volunteered to serve on the Water Center review committee. Discussion followed on the review process.

5. **Scholarly Research Integrity Procedures and Policies:** Dr. Fenwick began the discussion on research integrity by mentioning some cases of recent scrutiny of research practices at some U.S. institutions. As a result, he mentioned some institutions are actively recruiting for offices of research integrity and suggested the university may want to be proactive as well. Dr. Bernice Hausman, chair of the Committee on Faculty Ethics and guest of the Commission, said the Committee on Faculty Ethics had revised and strengthened the misconduct policy and presented it to the Commission on Faculty Affairs. She stated the Committee would like to be involved in any further revisions and then mentioned the
responsibilities of the Committee, which are mainly advisory to both the accuser and the accused. Discussion followed on the differences in perceptions within the university on what constitutes misconduct and the pros and cons of how the university addresses the issue. Dr. Hausman mentioned the code of federal regulations and stated the procedures at the university may not be robust enough. Dr. Fenwick said expectations and activities have gone up. He mentioned NIH has started doing its own investigations and said other agencies will follow their lead. Dr. Benson suggested a university-wide group be formed to analyze this more in depth. Dr. Roberto asked the membership to look at the policy in the Faculty Handbook as it is currently written before the next meeting. Dr. Fenwick will provide some background information at the next meeting. Dr. Hausman asked that communication between the Commission and the Committee on Faculty Ethics be kept open.

6. **Intellectual Property:** Dr. Fenwick announced there have been some changes in the intellectual property laws in the code of Virginia giving institutions more latitude to pass their own policies. He stated the Board of Visitors has been charged with crafting intellectual property policy, and this issue will be brought before the Commission fairly soon.

7. **Adjournment:**
   Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.