

**Committee of Six Minutes
of Monday, December 18, 2006**

The twenty-first meeting of the Committee of Six for the academic year 2006–2007 was called to order by the President in his office at 3:00 P.M. on Monday, December 18, 2006. Present were Professors George, Hilborn, O’Hara, Parker, Schneider, and Woglom, Dean Call, President Marx, and Assistant Dean Tobin, Recorder.

The Committee discussed a departmental matter.

The Dean next shared with the members a portion of his recent conversation with the College Council. The College Council has had a series of conversations about Amherst’s academic calendar, in light of the proposal by the University of Massachusetts that the spring semester begin two weeks earlier than it does at present. The Dean told the members that the College Council plans to write a report on this issue, which will be shared with the full Faculty. The President noted that the Five-College presidents are concerned that the prospect of multiple schedules might undermine Five-College cooperation.

The members then turned to personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Call
Dean of the Faculty