

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

April 12, 2011

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Present: Blackwood, Evelyn; Bulow, Harry; Channon, Robert; Del Caro, Adrian; Duvall, John; Ebarb, Joel; Einwohner, Rachel; Hurt, Doug; Lee, Richard Sullivan; Morrison, Michael; No, Song; Sabol, Robert; Smith, Daniel; Webb, Ralph; Wilson, Steve

Absent: Alsup, Janet; Bendito, Petronio; Benedicto, Elena; Bhattacharya, Tithi; Blackmon, Samantha; Boyd, Josh; Clawson, Rosalee; Friedman, Geraldine; Lindsay, Ian; Miller, JoAnn; Mullen, Bill; Neary-Sundquist, Colleen; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Oliveira, Silvia; Olson, Dan; Rankine, Patrice; Roberts, Felicia; Ross, Charles; Shaffer, Bill; Smith, Michael; Tilton, Mark; Waltenburg, Eric; Yeomans, Christopher; Zook, Melinda

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2011:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Dwight Atkinson, member of the Educational Policy Committee, reported on the activities of their April 8 meeting (see document #10-13). After a short discussion, the report was approved by the Senate.
- B) Professor Michael Morrison, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, presented a slate of nominations to the CLA Senate and College Committees. No nominations were made from the floor. The slate was approved by the Senate by voice vote. (See document #10-14.) Dr. Morrison also presented two nominees for vice chair of the Senate: Robert Channon and Rosalee Clawson. No nominations were made from the floor, and Robert Channon was elected by ballot as the Senate's vice chair for 2011-12.
- C) Professor Erina MacGeorge, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that at their March and April meetings, the committee approved ten new courses, two course deletions, six course revisions, three revisions to minors, four revisions to majors, and 85 course deletions (courses not offered in the last five years). (See documents #10-11 and 10-12.) The Senate approved the committee's report.
- D) There was no report from the Faculty Affairs Committee.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Professor Evie Blackwood, vice chair of the Senate, offered some comments and suggestions for improving attendance at the CLA Faculty Senate meetings. It was noted that the Faculty Affairs Committee would be the most likely committee to consider creating a policy about attendance at Senate meetings. Discussion followed. Dr. Blackwood will submit a suggestion to the Faculty Affairs Committee, and the dean and department heads will discuss this issue.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Last Friday, April 8, Purdue's Board of Trustees approved the transformation of the Department of Communication to the Brian Lamb School of Communication, effective July 1, 2011. The dean and other Purdue administrators are confident the School will be a wonderful success because of the resources and attention it will bring and because of Dr. Lamb's personal commitment to be engaged with the students and faculty. A formal celebration is planned for early fall.

The Board of Trustees also ratified the promotion and tenure of 13 CLA faculty. Those promoted to full professor are: Janet Alsup (ENGL), Charles Gick (VPA), Mary Leader (ENGL), and Mo Trout (BANDS). Promoted to associate professor are: Daniel Aldrich (POL), Jennifer Bay (ENGL), Neil Bynum (HIST), Darren

Dochuk (HIST), Stacy Holden (HIST), Torsten Reimer (COM), Michael Ryan (HIST), James Tyler (COM), Germina Veldwachter (FLL). In addition, John Duvall (ENGL) was appointed by the Board of Trustees as the Margaret Church Distinguished Professor at their March 2011 meeting.

The CLA Research on Diversity and Inclusion Lecture Series continues. Two lectures have been presented and three more are scheduled in the coming weeks. These lectures are helping to build interest in the research center CLA will establish, and they provide the opportunity to consult with leading scholars. CLA is committed to a center that will examine challenges to creating more inclusive communities in the broadest sense—looking at diversity in terms of race, ethnicity, and gender and thus building on the College’s strong interdisciplinary programs, but extending the view to consider class, socio-economic status, immigration issues, religion, and other identity factors that sometimes are obstacles to inclusion. Future lectures will be held on April 14 (Cedric Herring, professor of sociology at the University of Illinois, Chicago), April 25 (Philip Bowman, director of the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan), and May 4 (Paula McClain, professor of political science, public policy and African American Studies at Duke University).

Faculty recruiting is concluded for the year. Assistant professors have been hired in Anthropology, African American Studies (jointly with Anthropology), Asian American Studies (jointly with Sociology), Communication, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Visual & Performing Arts.

The Strategic Planning Committee believes they are near the point at which the current draft will soon be disseminated broadly for comments. The committee hopes to conclude their work early next fall.

There is still no information on the University’s budget. As soon as the state legislature passes a budget, the administration will determine what needs to be done in regards to tuition and fee increases, and how much college/school/unit operating budgets will have to be reduced for the next biennium.

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Professor Steve Wilson read a memorial resolution for Dr. Brant Burleson.

Professor Richard Sullivan Lee read a memorial resolution for Dr. Dorothy Mennen.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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