

College of Liberal Arts
Senate and Faculty Meetings
2011 – 2012 Schedule
3:30-5:00 pm

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

September 20, 2011

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Present: Atkinson, Dwight; Benedicto, Elena; Channon, Robert; Cooper, Kory; Curtis, Susan; Cuza-Blanco, Alejandro; de la Fuente, Ariel; Dossin, Catherine; Duvall, John; Fliotsos, Anne; Francis, Elaine; Friedman, Geraldine; Gruenbaum, Ellen; Hogan, Rich; Neary-Sundquist, Colleen; Nolan, Riall; Parrish, David; Rankine, Patrice; Ross, Charles; Smith, Daniel; Tilton, Mark; Turco, Jeffrey; Webb, Ralph; Yeomans, Christopher

Absent: Bhattacharya, Tithi; Bulow, Harry; Clawson, Rosalee; Feld, Scott; Lee, Richard Sullivan; Lopez, Al; McMullen, Shannon; Morrison, Michael; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Olson, Dan; Roberts, Felicia; Smith, Michael; Tyler, James

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2011:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Jack Spencer, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee approved four new courses, two course revisions, one course transfer from Calumet to West Lafayette, one program transfer from IDIS to FLL, a deletion of a major, and seven course deletions. The committee also clarified the requirements for the BA in Economics and approved changes in the pre-COM requirements. (See report #11-01.) The Senate approved the committee's report.
- B) Professor Anne Fliotsos, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reminded the Senate that the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) is charged with conducting an annual meeting with the dean. The purpose of the meeting is "to foster open and comprehensive exchange of information between the faculty and the dean about the state of the College, current and future activities in the College, and the actions of the dean and the dean's staff." A more formal review of the dean is to be conducted at least once every five years. Last year's FAC chair, Richard Hogan, met with the dean on April 22 to discuss the outcome of a web survey of faculty, which was conducted in January/February 2010. Twenty-three faculty responded. Dean Weiser found the comments helpful going forward and thanked the faculty and FAC for their input. To prepare for this year's annual meeting with the dean, the FAC will repeat the web survey in November. As with last year's survey, the comments will be anonymous. This year the entire committee will meet with the dean to discuss the results and report back to the Senate. Dr. Fliotsos also said the committee has been asked to develop a policy regarding attendance at Senate meetings.
- C) Professor Ralph Webb, member of the Nominating & Elections Committee, represented committee chair Rosalee Clawson in presenting a slate of nominations to complete the rosters of Senate committees. No nominations were made from the floor. The slate was approved by the Senate by voice vote. (See document #11-02.)

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dean Weiser reported on additional financial support the College received from the President's Office. It covers four areas: professional travel funds for faculty that will supplement departmental funds, bringing totals across the College to \$1,000 for one trip per year; new programs to support global research, one for faculty and one for students (Global Synergy Research Grants); funds to reduce class-size in introductory oral communication and language courses, specifically COM 114 and Spanish courses (more instructors will be hired); and, in conjunction

with a very generous bequest from Margo Katherine Wilke, the establishment of the Wilke Undergraduate Research Fellowships. These fellowships will provide CLA undergraduate students an opportunity to work one-to-one with a faculty member on a research project. The program has been modeled after the successful Discovery Park DURi and Cancer Prevention Internship Programs. CLA has partnered with the Discovery Learning Research Center, who is administering our program along with their existing programs. The gift funds and the funds from the President enable CLA to provide each student with a \$500 stipend and each faculty member with a \$250 research award. Faculty who sponsor Dammon Dean's Scholars will also receive a \$250 research stipend. Discussion followed.

The Brian Lamb School of Communication officially came into existence on July 1 and will be celebrated on September 29th, highlighted by Brian Lamb conducting a 45-minute interview with Governor Mitch Daniels. The College has begun to identify ways to make this program even stronger. In addition, new private funding for scholarships, faculty support, student programs, lectures, and awards is being pursued.

Eleven new faculty have been welcomed into CLA this fall, and new searches for 2012-13 are just beginning. The dean was able to authorize searches in Communication, Spanish, Linguistics, and Interior Design, plus two searches for administrative leadership in Political Science and Women's Studies.

The dean's LA Influentials class (GS300) has an enrollment of 76 CLA students this semester. A CLA alumnus/a is the guest speaker each week.

The College has had several very successful events already this year: a symposium on Re-visioning Terrorism; a reception for a gift to Galleries from R. Hanneman; a Leonora Woodman Lecture Series speaker; a Sears Lecture Series speaker; and a reception for the CLA Emerging Voice Award winners - Brad Dancer (BA 1995, Communication), Delita Martin (MFA 2009, Fine Arts – Printmaking), and Jennifer Ping (BA 1995, History). Experience Liberal Arts month will be in October 2011.

Revisions to the College's budget reduction proposal continue. The dean is working with department heads to quantify the implications of reducing faculty positions, which may affect the instructional mission of the College and was of concern to the provost.

Dean Weiser reported on the activities of CLA's Sexual Harassment Advisors' Network (SHAN). (See report #11-03.) He noted that SHAN is serving the entire University, not just the College of Liberal Arts.

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Professor Ralph Webb read a memorial resolution for Dr. Leon Trachtman.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

October 18, 2011

3:35 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Present: Dwight Atkinson; Elena Benedicto; Robert Channon; Kory Cooper; Susan Curtis; Alejandro Cuza-Blanco; Scott Feld; Geraldine Friedman; Ariel de la Fuente; Catherine Dossin; John Duvall; Anne Fliotsos; Elaine Francis; Ellen Gruenbaum; Richard Hogan; Richard Lee; Al Lopez; Shannon McMullen; Colleen Neary-Sundquist; Riall Nolan; Patrice Rankine; Daniel Smith; Jack Spencer; Ralph Webb; Chris Yeomans

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2011:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Jack Spencer, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee approved four new courses, one course revision, and two program revisions. (See report #11-04.) The Senate approved the committee's report.
- B) Professor Anne Fliotsos, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the annual faculty survey of the dean & his staff will be open on the web November 1-15. Faculty will receive an invitation via email on November 1. There are nine questions.

Regarding attendance at CLA Senate meetings, Professor Fliotsos stated: "In Spring 2011, the vice chair of the CLA Senate, Evelyn Blackwood charged the FAC to discuss the issue of poor attendance at CLA Senate meetings. Our charge was 'to think about possible policy changes that would help to improve attendance at the Senate meetings and bring your proposal(s) to the Senate.' Dr. Blackwood also provided five possible actions discussed at the April 2011 Senate meeting." At a meeting on October 12, 2011, the FAC discussed possible solutions and made several recommendations. Since there is no formal policy about Senate attendance, the committee suggested the following recommendations for a possible amendment to the by-laws. The committee feared that, if no "official" change is made, there will be little incentive to change the status quo.

Recommendations:

- 1. Inform department heads that an alternate senator is to be elected along with the slate of three-year senators. If an elected senator cannot attend, s/he must contact the alternate as a replacement. If a senator has a conflict for the entire semester, such as a class at the Senate meeting time, the alternate is expected to fill in for the entire semester.
- 2. Inform senators and department heads that a regular report on the CLA Senate activities should be made to faculty in his/her department as a mechanism for keeping lines of communication open.
- 3. Since attendance is already tracked, a member of the Dean's office should report senate attendance to each department head. The head is requested to address attendance problems with individuals as needed.

Two further recommendations are tangential, and involve the election of senators. Several faculty have served on the CLA senate repeatedly, while others have never served.

- 1. *When electing new senators, the number of terms already served should be indicated on the ballot after each name. (It is already stated in the by-laws that no senator should serve more than six consecutive years—2 terms—without a break.)*
- 2. *Instructions for voting should encourage an election of senators across several ranks of seniority as well as across subject areas within a department.*

Discussion followed. There was a suggestion to establish a quorum for voting on Senate actions to encourage attendance, to make the senate more active, and a comment that non attendees not be reported to the department heads. There was additional discussion about the role of the senate and expectations of senators.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

1. Dean Weiser reported that the Dean's Advisory Council will meet this Friday. They will be asked to offer suggestions about how to translate the current draft of the CLA strategic plan into language they think will appeal to non-academic audiences, and they will be updated about events and initiatives that have taken place since their last meeting.
2. The dean said he is preparing for a presentation in late November to the Capital Project Council, which is charged with helping establish priorities for major capital projects on campus, including new buildings and large scale renovations. He has asked department heads to provide him with information about facility challenges they face. As part of his presentation, Dr. Weiser will discuss a collaborative proposal between Engineering, Liberal Arts, and Technology for a new building called the Student Projects or Student Design Building. If approved and if funds can be raised, it will be built on what's being called the Student Success Corridor, on Third Street between University and Martin Jischke Drive (i.e., where Lawson, the BCC, and the Rec Sports facility are located). CLA's primary use for the facility would be large-scale design projects that need a lot of space and will primarily benefit Interior and Industrial design. Dean Weiser will also emphasize the need for new classrooms and offices for CLA. After his last presentation to this committee, a new building was put on the University mid-range master plan for possible construction between 2015 and 2020. He wants to keep that on the radar screen and re-emphasize its importance.
3. Dr. Weiser indicated that he has requested internal nominations and applications for an inaugural director for the Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion. The dean intended to conduct a national search for a director this year, but the uncertain budget and recruiting needs within departments and schools has put that on hold. Nominations were due on October 18, 2011. The Center continues to sponsor events, including a lecture on November 17 by Professor Jen'nan Ghazal Read of Duke University, a sociologist whose research examines issues of immigration, gender, and health care. Her talk is titled "Healthy Migrants or Just Healthy Men? Gender and Health among Middle Eastern Immigrants." The talk will be held in STEW 322 at 4:30 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Madison

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY
OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

November 15, 2011, 3:30 p.m.

Stewart Center, Room 310

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Dr. Janet Alsup, professor of English and fellow in the Center for Undergraduate Instructional Excellence, presented some of her research work on adolescent/teenage reading comprehension and empathy. Her talk was titled, *“Investigating Connections Between Empathy and Reading Comprehension of Middle School Students.”* A question and answer period followed.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2011.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Robert Channon (FLL), vice chair of the Senate, noted events in the life of the College since the March meeting, including the dean’s upcoming presentation to the Capital Projects Council Coordinating Committee, approval of the Brian Lamb School of Communication, promotion of 13 faculty, the Center for Research on Diversity & Inclusion lecture series, the hiring of 11 new faculty, the Symposium on Re-visioning Terrorism, Experience Liberal Arts month (October), the Woodman and Sears lecture series, and the passing of long-time colleagues Brant Burleson, Dorothy Mennen and Leon Trachtman.
- B. Professor Joel Ebarb (VPA), chair of the Agenda Committee, said the committee has had no business.
- C. Professor Jack Spencer (SOC), chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee has approved 10 new courses, seven course revisions, eight program revisions, and two program transfers since the March 2011 faculty meeting. These were all approved by the CLA Senate.
- D. Professor Sorin Matei (COM), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, said the committee has met twice. Classes were approved, and the committee is reviewing three core areas this semester.
- E. Professor Anne Fliotsos (VPA), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said the committee is considering recommendations to increase attendance at CLA Senate meetings. The annual survey of the dean and his staff has been sent to all faculty and is available online until 5 pm today.
- F. Professor Ralph Webb (COM), member of the Nominating and Elections committee, said the committee elected Professor Rosalee Clawson as its chair. A slate to complete Senate standing committee rosters was presented to the CLA Senate and approved in September.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Associate Dean Song No presented a list of 237 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in December 2011. He recommended approval, and the Senate endorsed the list by voice vote.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

- A. The College received additional funding from President Córdova to support several new initiatives in the college, which: 1) increased funds to support faculty travel, 2) established a global synergy research

grant program and, 3) in conjunction with a generous bequest from the estate of Margo Katherine Wilke Melichar, established the Wilke undergraduate research internships. This program has been quite successful, with nearly 40 faculty members matched with undergraduates who serve as research interns. The spring round of proposals for this program was announced last week.

- B. Faculty recruitment authorizations include searches for new faculty in Communication (3), Foreign Languages and Literatures (2), and Interior Design (2), and new administrative leaders for Political Science and Women's Studies.
- C. Facts and figures for Fall 2011 enrollment include:
 - 1. Beginning students (first-semester) in CLA – 630, which is slightly smaller than last year. The University's beginning enrollment is up by 312, and CLA's classes are certainly impacted by this.
 - 2. CLA international beginning students – 114 (up by 45%). Over half are undecided; the next largest group (28) is studying pre-COM. Purdue as a whole has an international student enrollment of 20%, with an undergraduate student enrollment of 14.6%. CLA's first-year international enrollment is at 18%; the College's overall undergraduate international enrollment is 7.9%. The University has seen the number of international undergraduate beginners rise from 795 last year to 1,329 this year.
 - 3. College enrollment figures: 4,256 undergraduates, 775 graduate students. The largest majors are Communication, Visual & Performing Arts, and Sociology; the smallest are Anthropology and Philosophy.
- D. Purdue Libraries and the Colleges of Engineering, Health and Human Sciences, and Liberal Arts have submitted a proposal to the Arthur C. Clarke Foundation to become home to an Arthur C. Clarke Center for the Human Imagination. The project is being driven by the College of Engineering, with Dean Jamieson as PI. The deans from Libraries, HHS and CLA are co-PIs. Purdue was one of two universities chosen for a site visit, which is intended to provide opportunities for faculty from across campus to engage about the imagination and in imaginative interdisciplinary research.
- E. As part of his presentation to the Capital Projects Committee, Dr. Weiser will discuss a proposal from Engineering, Liberal Arts, and Technology for a new building to be built on the Student Success Corridor (on Third St. between University and Martin Jischke Drive). CLA's primary use for the facility would be large-scale design projects, primarily benefitting Industrial Design and possibly Purdue Galleries. The dean will also re-emphasize the need for new classrooms and offices for the College.
- F. Dean Weiser spoke of a lecture on November 17 by Professor Jen'nan Ghazal Read of Duke University, a sociologist whose research examines issues of immigration, gender, and health care. The lecture is sponsored by the Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion.

A question and answer period followed.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

December 13, 2011

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Vice Chair Robert Channon, presiding

Present: Elena Benedicto; Robert Channon; Rosalee Clawson; Kory Cooper; Susan Curtis; Catherine Dossin; John Duvall; Anne Fliotsos; Elaine Francis; Geraldine Friedman; Ellen Gruenbaum; Richard Hogan; Sorin Matei; Shannon McMullen; David Parrish; Charles Ross; Daniel Smith; Jack Spencer; Mark Tilton; Ralph Webb; Christopher Yeomans
Absent: Dwight Atkinson; Tithi Bhattacharya; Joshua Boyd; Harry Bulow; Alejandro Cuza-Blanco; Ariel de la Fuente; Scott Feld; Richard Sullivan Lee; Al Lopez; Marifran Mattson; Colleen Neary-Sundquist; Bich Minh Nguyen; Riall Nolan; Dan Olson; Patrice Rankine; Michael Smith; Jeffrey Turco
Excused: Michael Morrison

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2011:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Jack Spencer, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee approved three new courses, 11 course revisions, six program revisions and one new program in VPA. The Senate approved the committee's report.
- B) Professor Anne Fliotsos, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the annual faculty survey of the dean & his staff has concluded with 67 responses. The committee hopes to meet with the dean in February to provide him with feedback from the survey.

Professor Fliotsos reminded the senators that proposed amendments to the by-laws about Senate attendance are up for vote. A vote was taken on each amendment separately, and Dr. Fliotsos read each amendment beforehand. (See #11-05.) The proposed amendments are:

- One alternate senator will be elected along with the slate of three-year senators in each department. If an elected senator cannot attend, s/he must contact the alternate as a replacement.* Discussion followed. A motion to change the word "must" to "should" was carried. A motion to table the vote on the FAC report for further work to include a fourth amendment establishing a quorum was defeated. After further discussion, this amendment passed with a vote of 13 yes, 3 no, and 2 abstentions.
- CLA Senators are expected to make regular reports about CLA Senate meetings to faculty in their departments as a mechanism for keeping lines of communication open.* Discussion followed. The amendment passed with a vote of 11 yes, 4 no, and 1 abstention.
- At the end of each semester the Dean's office will report senate attendance to each department head. The head will address attendance problems with individuals as needed.* Discussion followed. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 0 yes, 14 no, and 5 abstentions.

The FAC will discuss the issue of a quorum at a future FAC meeting.

In addition, three recommendations will be forwarded to the Dean's Office:

- When electing new senators, the total number of terms already served should be indicated on the ballot after each name.
- Instructions for voting should encourage an election of senators across several ranks of seniority as well as across subject areas within a department.
- All newly elected CLA Senators should receive a description of the CLA Senate that provides the Senators' expected contribution. (See report #11-05.)

C) Professor Sorin Matei, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that the committee met twice this semester. They reviewed courses from the “Other Cultures” and “Math and Statistics” portions of the CLA Core Curriculum. Fifteen classes were approved, and the committee asked for clarification on another two courses. One course was dropped from the Core in Political Science (not offered in the past five years) and one new course was added. The report will be voted upon at the January CLA Senate meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST), CLA representative on the University Core Curriculum Committee, gave an update on the progress on the proposed University core curriculum and asked for feedback and discussion. (See document titled, “Core Curriculum Proposal Appendices” on the CLA Faculty Senate web site.) Dr. Gabin explained the concepts of foundational outcomes and embedded outcomes. Discussion followed. The proposal will go before the University Senate in January and will be voted upon at their February meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

January 17, 2012

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

- Present: Dwight Atkinson; Joshua Boyd; Robert Channon; Rosalee Clawson; Kory Cooper; Susan Curtis; Alejandro Cuza-Blanco; Catherine Dossin; Anne Fliotsos; Elaine Francis; Richard Sullivan Lee; Sorin Matei; Marifran Mattson; Shannon McMullen; Riall Nolan; David Parrish; Jack Spencer; Bert Useem; Ralph Webb;
- Absent: Elena Benedicto; Tithi Bhattacharya; Harry Bulow; Ariel de la Fuente; Geraldine Friedman; Al Lopez; Colleen Neary-Sundquist; Bich Minh Nguyen; Dan Olson; Patrice Rankine; Charles Ross; Daniel Smith; Michael Smith; Mark Tilton; Jeffrey Turco; Steve Wilson; Christopher Yeomans
- Excused: John Duvall, Michael Morrison

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 13, 2011:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Jack Spencer, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee approved one new course, two course revisions (one was a change in course description), one program revision and one title change, plus many minor revisions in English Education. (See document # 11-10.) The Senate approved the committee's report. Dr. Spencer said the committee is discussing whether to require electronic submissions to the curriculum committee, and he asked for input from the floor. Discussion followed.
- B) At the last CLA Senate meeting the Faculty Affairs Committee was asked to consider the issue of requiring a quorum of CLA senators in order to vote. Professor Anne Fliotsos, chair of the committee, reported that the committee discussed this issue and unanimously agreed that voting should NOT be restricted at CLA Senate meetings based on a quorum. Reasons included: timeliness of action items are crucial, particularly with curricular revision; if CLA Senate meetings have particularly low attendance and a vote is called, a senator may move to delay the vote due to small attendance; and new attendance policies are now in place, which may lessen the issue.
- C) Professor Sorin Matei, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that the committee reviewed courses from the "Other Cultures" and "Math and Statistics" portions of the CLA Core Curriculum. One new course was approved for the Core and one course was deleted (see report # 11-08.) The Senate approved the recommendations of the committee.
- D) Professor Rosalee Clawson, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported on the CLA Senate reapportionments. The Department of English gained one senator, according to the formula, and the Brian Lamb School of Communication has one less senator. The Senate adopted the new reapportionments for 2012-13.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Weiser said he has received the three recommendations from the Faculty Affairs Committee, as noted in the December 2011 minutes, and he will work towards implementing them.

In December 2011, the Board of Trustees approved changing the name of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to the School of Languages and Cultures (SLC). The change removed the rather out-dated term “Foreign,” replaced the word “Literatures” with the word “Cultures” to more accurately reflect the breadth of scholarship and teaching that goes on in the school, and used the word “School” to be more consistent with similar organizational units where multiple languages and cultures are studied.

Recruiting this year is moving along well. VPA has hired new assistant professors in Interior Design; COM has hired an assistant professor in public relations and is interviewing candidates for an assistant professorship in interpersonal and health communication; and SLC is conducting searches for assistant professors in Russian and in Spanish Linguistics. Bridge funds have been received from the Provost’s Office to help with some of these recruitments. Candidates for the headship in Political Science are visiting campus, and candidates for the director of Women’s Studies will be on campus next month. Dean Weiser is also participating in the search for the dean of Purdue Extended Campus.

President Córdova announced last week that Purdue will gradually move to a trimester system with goals to boost summer enrollments, facilitate students’ progress towards their degrees, and create more flexibility for both students and faculty. The change will also help with scheduling study abroad and internships. It will be an 8- to 10-year process. Initial steps will boost summer enrollments. The dean expects a number of the courses to be in the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Science. Discussion followed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

February 14, 2012

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

Present: Dwight Atkinson; Robert Channon; Rosalee Clawson; Kory Cooper; Catherine Dossin; Elaine Francis; Ellen Gruenbaum; Richard Sullivan Lee; Marifran Mattson; Shannon McMullen; Colleen Neary-Sundquist; Bich Minh Nguyen; Charles Ross; Jack Spencer; Ralph Webb

Absent: Elena Benedicto; Tithi Bhattacharya; Joshua Boyd; Harry Bulow; Neil Bynum; Susan Curtis; Alejandro Cuza-Blanco; Ariel de la Fuente; Anne Fliotsos; Geraldine Friedman; Al Lopez; Sorin Matei; Riall Nolan; Dan Olson; David Parrish; Patrice Rankine; Daniel Smith; Michael Smith; Mark Tilton; Jeffrey Turco; Bert Useem; Steve Wilson; Christopher Yeomans

Excused: John Duvall

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON January 17, 2012:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Jack Spencer, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee approved two new General Studies courses for students in the Purdue Promise program (see document # 11-11). The Senate approved the committee's report. Emails about retention/deletion of courses not taught in the last five years have just been sent. Dr. Spencer also said the committee is still exploring the details of electronic submission of curriculum proposals. Dean Weiser said there was agreement at the recent meeting of the Council of Department Heads/IDIS program directors that curriculum proposals should be submitted by departments electronically and posted to a SharePoint web site. Each department will assign someone to be responsible for submitting documents. Joan Marshall and Barb Welch have begun to develop procedures.
- B) Professor Rosalee Clawson, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported that the following CLA faculty have been elected to the University Senate beginning in 2012 for three-year terms: April Ginther (ENGL), Patricia Hart (SLC), Charles Ross (ENGL), Harry Targ (POL), and Inigo Sanchez-Llama (SLC).

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

The Department of English and the Purdue Student Union Board are sponsoring Books & Coffee during the month of February. Professor Charles Ross will lead the next book discussion on *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Recognition of CLA research at the University and beyond. Dean Weiser talked about the positive relationship CLA has with the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR). He passed around the recent *Dimensions of Discovery*, the OVPR's quarterly in-house publication that included several pieces on CLA faculty and graduate students and their work.

The Faculty Affairs Committee completed its annual faculty survey of the Dean and Dean's staff and met with Dr. Weiser to discuss the feedback. The committee was concerned with the low response rate – about 20% – though they reported that there were actually more responses this year than last. The dean will work with his staff to continue the good work and look for ways to improve.

The Dean reported that two items raised by the CLA Senate—election of senators and electronic submission of curriculum committee minutes—were discussed at the February 9 meeting of the Council of Department Heads and IDIS program chairs.

Dean Weiser reported that he has requested several actions from department heads regarding the future election of CLA senators. Those requests are that departments will:

- elect an alternate senator (new amendment to the CLA bylaws);
- provide an opportunity for Senate representative (s) to report back to the faculty (new amendment to the bylaws);
- indicate the number of terms a nominee has already served on the CLA Senate (FAC recommendation);
- encourage representation of rank and area in their elections (FAC recommendation); and,
- recognize that Senate meetings are traditionally held from 3:30-5:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month and try to avoid scheduling senators for teaching at that time (discussed in CLA Senate, neither an amendment or recommendation).

The Council of Department Heads/IDIS program directors suggested that the role of the Senate be reviewed, and the dean noted that the Senate has had the same conversation. Dr. Weiser reported on his unofficial survey of governing bodies in other academic units on campus. A document that addresses the role of CLA senators, their duties and responsibilities is being developed in the Dean's Office.

Dean Weiser answered questions from the floor regarding:

- the proposed trimester system at Purdue (no new discussions or developments);
- discussions about extending the tenure period (Ellen Gruenbaum is on a task force charged with making recommendations); and
- the Capital Coordinating Committee and its priorities (projects move forward more quickly if colleges/schools have a lead gift).
- Synergy Clusters

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY
OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

March 20, 2012, 3:30 p.m.

Stewart Center, Room 310

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Dean Weiser presented a Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award to Professor Kenneth Ferraro (SOC). Those not present but also receiving awards were Keith Shimko (POL), the College Educational Excellence in Teaching Award, and Patricia Sullivan (ENGL), a Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award. In addition, Dean Weiser announced a new award, the Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. Before presenting the awards, the dean gave a brief history of the endowment. Kofmehl Awards were presented to Nancy Gabin (HIST), Sam McCormick (COM), and Mariko Wei (SLC). Also receiving Kofmehl Awards but unable to attend the meeting were Leigh Raymond (POL) and Melanie Shoffner (ENGL).

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2011.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Robert Channon (SLC), vice chair of the Senate, noted that three CLA Senate meetings were conducted since November 2011. The Senate passed two amendments to the CLA By-Laws and forwarded three recommendations to the dean. They all had to do with the election of senators and their responsibilities. A document addressing the role of CLA senators is being drafted in the Dean's Office. The Senate heard from Professor Nancy Gabin about the proposed University Core Curriculum, and discussed President Cordova's announcement that the University would go to a trimester system. Senate reapportionments for 2012-13 were approved. The BOT approved renaming the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures; it is now called the School of Languages and Cultures. New faculty have been hired in VPA, COM and SLC. Searches for the head of Political Science and director of Women's Studies are near completion. Limited recruitment continues, and CLA faculty works are being highlighted in University publications and meetings. The dean and the Faculty Affairs Committee have had their annual meeting.
- B. There was no report from the Agenda Committee.
- C. Professor Evelyn Blackwood, member of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee has approved 12 new courses, 24 course revisions, 11 program revisions, and one new program in VPA since the November 2011 faculty meeting. These were all approved by the CLA Senate.
- D. There was no report from the Educational Policy Committee.
- E. Professor Anne Fliotsos (VPA), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC), reported further on the two amendments to the CLA By-laws and the three recommendations sent to the Dean. She also said the FAC and Senate discussed establishing a quorum for Senate meetings. The decision not to establish a quorum was made. The FAC met with Dean Weiser to provide feedback on the work of the dean and his staff.
- F. Professor Ralph Webb (COM), member of the Nominating and Elections committee, said the committee conducted an election for CLA faculty to choose University Senators. Professors April Ginther (ENGL), Patricia Hart (SLC), Charles Ross (ENGL), Harry Targ (POL), and Inigo Sanchez-Llama (SLC) are serving three-year terms. CLA Senate reapportionments for next year resulted in English gaining one senator and Communication losing one. The committee is in the process of filling vacancies for next year on Senate committees.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

In response to a question, Dr. Weiser and Dr. Webb explained the difference between the work of the Curriculum Committee and the curricular work of the Educational Policy Committee.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dr. Song No presented a list of 821 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in May 2012, and a list of 185 students who will be candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in August 2012. He recommended approval, and the Senate endorsed both lists by voice vote.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

- A. Dr. Weiser said recruitment efforts, though limited, are going well. In almost every case, the first choice candidate was hired. CLA has made two spousal hires for non-tenure track positions, and some retention offers have been successful, with others pending. The dean has asked the Provost's Office for support in these cases. Dr. Rosalee Clawson has been named the next head of the Department of Political Science. The dean has received the search committee's report for Women's Studies and will make a decision soon.

Recently-announced internal searches for associate dean for Graduate Education and Research and director of Linguistics should conclude by the end of the semester.

- B. The dean reported that applications for the College have increased while admissions have gone down. CLA has asked the Office of Admissions *not* to admit undecided students to CLA if CLA undecided is not their first choice. So far, 228 new students in CLA have accepted admission and paid the deposit. The target is 520. Statistics show that admitted domestic non-resident numbers are up, yet in-state admitted students are currently down. International student applications are up 99%, but those admitted are up only 30%. SAT scores, GPA, and high school class rank have improved.
- C. Dean Weiser said the instructional budget for next year is due in mid-May. He has not received feedback on CLA's proposed 3% budget reduction for the coming fiscal year. The dean expects continued, limited S&E and recruitment budgets. He has been told there will be modest merit raises, with a probable raise pool of 1.5%.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

April 24, 2012

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

Present: Dwight Atkinson; Elena Benedicto; Robert Channon; Rosalee Clawson; Kory Cooper; Susan Curtis; Catherine Dossin; Anne Fliotsos; Elaine Francis; Ellen Gruenbaum; Richard Sullivan Lee; Sorin Matei; Marifran Mattson; Shannon McMullen; Riall Nolan; Jack Spencer; Mark Tilton; Jeffrey Turco; Ralph Webb

Absent: Tithi Bhattacharya; Joshua Boyd; Harry Bulow; Neil Bynum; Alejandro Cuza-Blanco; Ariel de la Fuente; Geraldine Friedman; Al Lopez; Colleen Neary-Sundquist; Bich Minh Nguyen; Dan Olson; Patrice Rankine; Daniel Smith; Michael Smith; Bert Useem; Steve Wilson; Christopher Yeomans

Excused: John Duvall; David Parrish; Charles Ross

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 14, 2012:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Jack Spencer, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee approved 15 course revisions, 13 new courses, two program revisions, 15 course deletions and 30 course retentions in their last two meetings (see documents # 11-12 and #11-13). The Senate approved the committee's report.
- B) Professor Sorin Matei, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, said 11 courses were retained as part of the committee's review of the Core Curriculum. The Senate approved the report.
- C) Professor Rosalee Clawson, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, presented a slate of nominations for various Senate and College committees. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was approved. Voting took place for vice chair of the CLA Senate. Anne Fliotsos was elected as vice chair for 2012-13 (see report # 11-14).

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

In the past weeks, Dean Weiser said CLA has celebrated much, including the first class of students in the Wilke Undergraduate Research Internships. Students had very positive comments about their faculty mentors and the program. The call for participants for the Fall 2012 is ongoing. The College recognized outstanding interdisciplinary students. Departmental Outstanding Seniors and Distinguished Alumni were celebrated at a recent banquet. The Literary Awards contest recognized 80 winners. Celebrations for the Dammon Dean's Scholars, CLA Honors, CETA, and faculty honors were or will be held.

The dean noted that, for the first time, Purdue will hold a separate commencement for graduate students.

Seven CLA faculty were promoted to associate professor and three were promoted to full professor.

Recruiting has gone well, and the dean has worked with department heads on some retention offers, working with the Provost's Office for support. Professor Rosalee Clawson will be the next head in Political Science, and Dr. T.J. Boisseau has been named director of Women's Studies. Searches for associate dean for research and graduate education and director of Linguistics were recently announced.

Admissions for fall 2012: College applications have increased, but admissions have decreased in an effort to recruit a more highly qualified first year class. The Office of Admissions has been asked not to admit students to 'CLA Undecided' if that is not their first choice. As of today, 434 incoming students have accepted admission and paid deposits. Applications from international students have increased 90%, while admissions and deposits are lower. SAT scores, class rank and GPA have increased for first-year admitted students.

CLA's budget for 2012-13 will be submitted to the Provost's Office by May 1. It will be 3% lower than last year's budget. The dean anticipates modest raises this year.

Dean Weiser thanked the members of the Senate and committee members for their service.

Dr. Weiser answered questions from the floor on:

- The promotion and tenure process
- The Presidential search
- The anticipated cap on the number of credits for a BA degree
- Purdue's move to a trimester system
- The University's core curriculum plans

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS:

Professor Rod Bertolet read a memorial resolution for Dr. Lilly-Marlene Russow.
Professor Ralph Webb read a memorial resolution for Dr. George Stevens.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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