

College of Liberal Arts
Senate and Faculty meetings
2014-15 Schedule
3:30-5:00 pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, September 16, 2014	STEW 320
Tuesday, October 21, 2014	STEW 320
Tuesday, November 18, 2014	STEW 310 (Faculty meeting)
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

September 16, 2014

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

Present: Mark Bernstein; Patricia Boling; Josh Boyd; Becky Brown; Bart Collins; Cheryl Cooky; Martin Curd; Susan Curtis; Laura Drake; Dino Felluga; Dan Frank; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Madeleine Henry; Elizabeth Hoffmann; Richard Johnson-Sheehan; Jeong-Nam Kim; Michael Light; Michael McNamara; Nancy Peterson; Donald Platt; Manushag Powell; Glenn Sparks; Jessica Sturm; Michael Weinstein; Sharonda Woodford; Christine Wuenschel; Li Zhang

Absent: Keith Dickson; John Hope; Chris Lukasik; Bert Rockman; Sally Wallace

Excused: Michael Morrison; Yvonne Pitts; Laura Zanotti

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 8, 2014

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Will Gray, chair of the Agenda Committee, said the committee is in the process of appointing a subcommittee to review the CLA Bylaws, which will work under the supervision of the Faculty Affairs Committee. The committee also intends to solicit faculty concerns. The Agenda Committee forwarded four items to the appropriate committees, including the *iThenticate* program and faculty liability (referred to the EPC). (See report #14-03.)
- B) Professor Josh Boyd, member of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved two new courses, one program change, five course revisions, and 10 course deletions since the last Senate meeting. (See report #14-01.) An amendment was approved to change the language in the course description for HIST 21100 to say “on and off the pitch.” The Senate then approved the entire report.
- C) Professor Martin Curd, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, said the committee approved retaining one course in the Natural Sciences category of the CLA Core and denied approval to move an A&D course to another category. (See report # 14-02.) The Senate approved both items as presented in the report.
- D) There was no Faculty Affairs Committee report.
- E) Professor Richard Johnson-Sheehan, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, said the committee is seeking to fill one spot each on the University grievance and CLA Faculty Affairs (FAC) committees. He and Dr. Barbara Dixon explained the duties of each committee. Professor Cheryl Cooky volunteered to serve on the FAC for a three-year term. The Senate accepted her offer and approved the committee’s report.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Dean Weiser reminded the Senate that items to be discussed under New Business should be sent to the Agenda Committee in time for the topic to be included on the Senate agenda and posted on the CLA Senate website.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dean Weiser reported that the College has 23 new faculty and four visiting faculty this fall. Their profiles are on the CLA website.

The dean stated that CLA fall freshmen enrollment (just under 450 first-year students) is down about 12%. Incoming students are well-prepared, based on rankings, GPA, and SAT/ACT scores. Statistics show a 20% drop for instate and domestic students, while the international student population has increased by 26%. Although there were increases in the number of instate applications, the dean expressed concern that the number of Indiana students actually attending has decreased. The College and the Office of Admissions are looking into this issue. The employment rate for CLA graduates after six months is good.

Dr. Weiser mentioned a new campus-wide program called "Transfer Up!" that will address the decline in the number of transfer students. Five years ago the number was 40% higher than it is now. Colleges and programs across campus are reviewing their transfer requirements and equivalencies and reporting to Admissions. The Dean of Admissions praised CLA for its proactive work, as the College had the largest number of transfer students across campus in 2013, accounting for 27% of the campus total.

The dean said upcoming website revisions across the College will bring CLA in line with the University's new website, designed to look and act the same on any platform. The goal is for the CLA website to be completely revised and updated by Spring 2015.

Dean Weiser reported on the activity of the Sexual Harassment Advisory Network (SHAN). In 2012 SHAN had five contacts (one from a student, one from a staff member, and three from faculty). In 2013 SHAN reported four contacts (one from a staff member, one from a parent, and two from students). The dean reminded the Senate that SHAN serves the entire West Lafayette campus; some of these contacts may not be from Liberal Arts.

The dean answered questions on CLA's target enrollment and the drop in the number of in-state students. There were also discussions about the make-up of classes (CLA students and students from other colleges), Purdue's phone app, and new classroom furniture.

6. Memorial resolutions were given for Drs. Harvey Marshall, SOC (read by Prof. Beth Hoffmann), Thomas Gaston, ENGL (read by Prof. Nancy Peterson), and David Miller, ENGL (read by Dean Irwin Weiser) before the Senate stood for a moment of silence.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

October 21, 2014

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

Present: Janet Alsup; Patricia Boling; Josh Boyd; Becky Brown; Michelle Buzon; Cheryl Cooky; Martin Curd; Susan Curtis; Laura Drake; Dino Felluga; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Madeleine Henry; Elizabeth Hoffmann; Michael Light; Michael McNamara; Michael Morrison; Nancy Peterson; Yvonne Pitts; Glenn Sparks; Michael Weinstein; Christine Wuenschel; Laura Zanotti; Li Zhang
Absent: Mark Bernstein; Bart Collins; Keith Dickson; John Hope; Richard Johnson-Sheehan; Jeong-Nam Kim; Chris Lukasik; Bert Rockman; Sally Wallace
Excused: Dan Frank; Jessica Sturm

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Christine Holtvedt, chair of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved three new courses, two program revisions, and two course revisions since the last Senate meeting. (See report #14-04.) The Senate approved the report.
- B) Professor Will Gray, chair of the Agenda Committee, distributed copies of the agenda committee report, which proposed three models for the function of the Agenda Committee. (See report #14-05.) Discussion followed. The consensus of the Senate members favored models # 1 and 2. Professor Gray also reported on the progress of the CLA by-laws review committee.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dean Weiser noted that four candidates for the CLA deanship have been invited to campus in the next three weeks. The dean encouraged everyone to participate in the visits as they can, especially the open forums and the "meets and greets" that will follow. The presentations will be recorded for later viewing. Dean Weiser will meet with candidates during their visits.

The dean talked about the Provost's visit to the College on October 22, saying that the Provost will meet with the Council of Department Heads and the Dean's senior staff and hear short presentations from three faculty and one undergraduate student. There will also be time for open discussion.

The CLA Dean's Advisory Council (DAC) met on October 10 and heard updates on the dean's search, advancement, enrollment, recruiting efforts, Study Abroad, the strategic messaging project,

CLA website revisions, and an app that is being developed to allow for a digital version of THiNK magazine and other CLA publications. They also served as panelists during the LA Influentials class and participated in a networking event with students.

Dr. Weiser answered questions about the Provost's interests in CLA and the October 22 presentations.

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 LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY

November 18, 2014

3:30 p.m. in STEW 310

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON MARCH 25, 2014

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Li Zhang, vice chair of the CLA Senate, reported on the Senate's activities for this academic year. She noted the dean's reports, enrollment reports for the fall semester, and a new student recruitment program called "Transfer Up." The new Provost visited the College in October. The CLA dean's search committee brought four candidates to campus for visits in October and November. The Dean's Advisory Council met on October 10 and heard updates on the CLA website changes, enrollment, student recruitment initiatives, the dean's search, and the development of an app to allow digital access to the THiNK magazine and eventually other CLA publications. The Agenda Committee has appointed a sub-committee to review the CLA By-laws. Professor Zhang also reported on the activities of the Curriculum, Educational Policy, Nominating and Elections, and Faculty Affairs committees. Memorial resolutions were read for Professors Harvey Marshall (SOC), Thomas Gaston (ENGL), and David Miller (ENGL).
- B. Professor Will Gray, chair of the Agenda Committee, said the committee's discussions have been about finding ways for the Senate to be more responsive to faculty issues. He reported on three models as suggested to the Senate at the October meeting. Professor Gray also explained the work of the sub-committee to review the CLA By-laws.
- C. There was no report from the Curriculum Committee.
- D. Professor Martin Curd, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that the EPC met three times since the last faculty CLA Senate meeting. Several Art & Design courses have been added to the CLA Core, but a request from A&D to move a course from one area of the Core to another was denied. The committee has concluded its review of the entire CLA Core. That review, mandated by the Liberal Arts Senate, began in 2003. Some of the delays were due to uncertainties regarding the establishment of the University Core Curriculum. Other delays were caused by the tardiness of departments outside the College in responding to the committee's requests for information. The committee will begin a new round of reviews of the courses in the CLA Core in 2015. Following a presentation by Assistant Dean Dennis Bowling concerning ways to align the Mathematics and Statistics, and the Natural Science categories in the CLA Core with courses in the University Core Curriculum, the committee unanimously passed two recommendations that will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Liberal Arts Senate. At its next meeting, the committee intends to address the concern that the current rules for the CLA Core encourage students to satisfy too many Core categories by taking courses within their own department or program.
- E. Professor Steve Wilson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said the committee reviewed and approved minor language changes in the By-laws to align with the University verbiage

and to update CLA department/school name changes. The FAC also plans to review and provide feedback on proposals from a special CLA senate subcommittee chaired by Professor Will Gray that is looking at ways of encouraging greater participation at the Senate meetings. An evaluation of the dean will not be conducted this year. The committee hopes to conduct a survey of the faculty during the spring semester to gauge the highest priorities and issues for the new dean to address.

F. There was no report from the Nominating and Elections Committee.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Dean Weiser asked the Senate to certify the list of degree candidates for the December 2014 graduation. The list was certified by the faculty present.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- The Dean reported on the Provost's visit to the College in October, saying the Provost seems sincere regarding the value of the liberal arts at a STEM university.
- Faculty recruitment for 2015 is underway at a modest level.
- Dean Weiser briefly commented on the activities of the CLA dean's search committee.
- The Dean talked about declining enrollments and LaTasha Swanson's (director of CLA's Student Recruitment Office) presentations at the Dean's Advisory Council and Council of Department Heads meetings. This year, an increased number of admissible students have already been identified.
- Dr. Weiser has been preparing for the annual budget review with the Provost, with input from department/school heads. The University administration continues to look at alternate budget models, but there will be no new budget model for 2015-16.
- Dean Weiser encouraged the faculty to attend the 2014 University Research and Scholarship Program on November 19, where Dr. Marianne Boruch (ENGL) will be one of the speakers.
- The dean answered questions from the faculty on the quality of student credentials and the availability of scholarships in the College.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch

Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

December 9, 2014

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

- Present: Janet Alsup; Mark Bernstein; Josh Boyd; Becky Brown; Michelle Buzon; Bart Collins; Cheryl Cooky; Martin Curd; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Madeleine Henry; Elizabeth Hoffmann; Richard Johnson-Sheehan; Jeong-Nam Kim; Michael Light; Chris Lukasik; Michael McNamara; Nancy Peterson; Yvonne Pitts; Don Platt; Bert Rockman; Glenn Sparks; Jessica Sturm; Michael Weinstein; Christine Wuenschel; Laura Zanotti; Li Zhang
- Absent: Patricia Boling; Susan Curtis; Keith Dickson; Laura Drake; Dino Felluga; Dan Frank; John Hope; Michael Morrison; Powell, Manushag; Sally Wallace

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 21, 2014

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Will Gray, chair of the Agenda Committee, announced that a presentation about and discussion of enrollment issues and the University Core will take place at the January 20, 2015 meeting of the CLA Senate.
- B) Professor Christine Holtvedt, chair of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved three new courses, two course revisions two program revisions, and a new certificate program in Theatre Lighting since the last Senate meeting. (See reports #14-06 and 14-08.) The Senate approved the reports.
- C) Professor Martin Curd, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, said the committee heard and approved a proposal to align courses in the CLA Core with those in the University Core. The first part of the proposal, the Mathematics/Statistics category, was discussed and approved. The second part, the Natural Science category, was discussed at length and tabled (see report #14-07). The committee also proposed an amendment to modify procedures for review of the CLA Core. (See report # 14-09.) The amendment was approved by the Senate.
- D) Professor Richard Johnson-Sheehan, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported on the committee's recommendation to nominate Professor Tony Silva (ENGL) to fill a vacancy on the Educational Policy Committee. The recommendation was approved by the Senate.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dean Weiser said the names of two candidates for the CLA deanship have been forwarded to the Provost and President for further consideration. He did not know when a decision would be made.

The dean reported that University Admissions will begin releasing admission decisions on December

12. After that, applicants will be notified as their applications are processed. Colleges will receive regular updates on paid deposits. Applicants' final decisions are due on May 1. Dr. Weiser reported that CLA applications are up 7% and admissions have increased by 39.5% from this time last year. University-wide, applications are up 10% and admissions are up 38.4% compared to this time last year.

As Professor Gray indicated, the January CLA Senate meeting will include a presentation on enrollment trends and enrollment efforts.

The dean will meet with the Provost for CLA's annual budget meeting on December 12. The College was asked to respond to a specific agenda, which included: CLA vision, strategic direction, and goals; faculty scholarship and excellence; student success; the impact of the Purdue Moves initiative on the College; and overall budget status of the College. The dean will also discuss progress in achieving diversity, critical space and R&R needs, global activities, teaching activities, and fiscal concerns for the next two years.

Faculty searches: Candidates for positions in Latino/a Studies and Bio-Anthropology have begun visiting campus. The search committees for department heads in English and Sociology have completed screening and are developing short lists for campus visits early in 2015. Other searches are in progress, mostly at the candidate screening stage.

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION:

Professor Nancy Peterson (ENGL) read a memorial resolution for Professor Emerita Valerie Rudolph.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

January 20, 2015

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

Present: Patricia Boling; Josh Boyd; Kristina Bross; Martin Curd; Dan Frank; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Madeleine Henry; Michael Light; Ian Lindsay; Chris Lukasik; Michael McNamara; Silvia Mitchell; Michael Morrison; Doug Osman; Nancy Peterson; Manushag Powell; Melanie Shoffner; Jessica Sturm; Maria Venitis; Li Zhang

Absent: Mark Bernstein; Becky Brown; Michelle Buzon; Laura Drake; Elizabeth Hoffmann; John Hope; Richard Johnson-Sheehan; Yonsoo Kim; Dan Morris; Howard Sypher; Sally Wallace; Michael Weinstein; Christine Wuenschel

Excused: Jeong-Nam Kim; Yvonne Pitts

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 9, 2014

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

A) Professor Kristine Holtvedt, chair of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved one new course, three course revisions, and a new certificate program in Theatre since the last Senate meeting. (See report #14-10.) The Senate approved the report.

B) Professor Richard Johnson-Sheehan, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, presented a slate of three to fill positions on the Grade Appeals Committee. The slate, with Richard Sullivan Lee and Melinda Zook as members and Josh Boyd as an alternate, was adopted by the Senate. He also recommended the Senate reapportionments for 2015-16, the only change being the addition of 2 senators for the School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS). The recommendation was approved by the Senate.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

LaTasha Swanson, director of CLA Recruitment, and Dennis Bowling, assistant dean for Student Services, gave a presentation on CLA student enrollment. They used PowerPoint slides to help them introduce staff, explain the function of the recruitment office, give some history on past and current enrollment data, and discuss trends and projections at Purdue and nationally. They pointed out that CLA leads Purdue in transfer student admissions. Nancy Gabin, member of the University Core Committee, discussed the University Core's possible effect on CLA enrollment. There was much discussion during and following the presentation. The PowerPoint presentation is uploaded to the CLA Senate website under Reports.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dean Weiser gave no report at this meeting.

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION:

Professor Richard Hogan (SOC) read a memorial resolution for Professor JoAnn Miller.

7. 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 17, 2015

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

- Present: Josh Boyd; Martin Curd; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Madeleine Henry; Jeong-Nam Kim; Michael Light; Ian Lindsay; Chris Lukasik; Michael McNamara; Silvia Mitchell; Dan Morris; Doug Osman; Nancy Peterson; Yvonne Pitts; Manushag Powell; Bert Rockman; Melanie Shoffner; Jessica Sturm; Howard Sypher; Maria Venitis; Li Zhang
- Absent: Mark Bernstein; Patricia Boling; Kristina Bross; Becky Brown; Michelle Buzon; Laura Drake; Dan Frank; Elizabeth Hoffmann; John Hope; Richard Johnson-Sheehan; Yonsoo Kim; Michael Weinstein; Christine Wuenschel; Sigrid Zahner
- Excused: Michael Morrison

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JANUARY 20, 2015

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

A) Professor Robert Channon gave the report of the Educational Policy Committee. The EPC is withdrawing their recommendation to adopt the UCC Science Category in place of the CLA Core Natural Sciences Category at this time. The committee recommends the addition of CLCS 238 (Classics) to the CLA Core. The Senate approved the motion. (See report #14-12.) Additional requests to add two COM courses to the CLA Core were received. They seem to be good additions to the CLA Core, but there doesn't seem to be a good place to add them. Dr. Channon requested input from the senators, and a lengthy discussion followed. Senators were asked to continue the discussions in their units and to send Dr. Channon an email regarding those discussions. Given the discussion at today's meeting, a few wondered if a review of the CLA Core might be appropriate.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dean Weiser reported that faculty searches are continuing, including those for the headships in English and Sociology. He thanked the various search committees for their work.

The dean reported that CLA applications for enrollment are up 10%, admitted students are up 22%, and paid deposits are up 46% from this time one year ago. The data on international student paid deposits is low, and the dean said they typically pay deposits much later. Dr. Weiser said a number of department/school heads and faculty have volunteered to participate in student recruitment events. The dean also encouraged faculty to suggest to their top students that they take a similar course or even major or minor in the faculty member's area.

Dean Weiser reflected on his 5½ years as dean, saying it has been a great honor and pleasure to serve. Some highlights include: helping CLA find its new identity after three departments became part of a

new college; advancing diversity in the College, including a new center for diversity and inclusion; developing new research opportunities and support; establishing the Wilke Undergraduate Research Internship program; expanding international programs and study abroad opportunities; transitioning two departments into schools and creating a new school; and increasing the number of distinguished and named professorships. All of these accomplishments were realized with the help of many others in the College.

Dr. Weiser will work in the Office of the Provost before going on sabbatical this summer. He thanked everyone for their work and commitment to their units, the College and the University.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

April 21, 2015

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean David Reingold, presiding

Present: Ian Lindsay; Laura Zanotti; Joshua Boyd; Howard Sypher; Richard Johnson-Sheehan; Manushang Powell; Melanie Shoffner; Will Gray; Yvonne Pitt; Atsushi Fukada; Jessica Sturm; Mark Bernstein; Martin Curd; Madeline Henry; Sigrid Zahner; Nancy Peterson; Robert Channon, Steven Wilson

Absent: Jeong-Nam Kim; Doug Osman; Dino Felluga; Chris Lukasik; Silvia Mitchell; Dan Frank; Becky Brown; John Hope; Yonsoo Kim; Patricia Boling; Bert Rockman; Michael Weinstein; Elizabeth Hoffman; Michael Light; Laura Drake; Michael McNamara; Sally Wallace; Christine Wuenschel; Li Zhang

Excused: Michael Morrison, Cheryl Cooky

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON February 17, 2015

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Presentation of Teaching Awards

Kenneth Kofmehl Award

Dan Aldrich-Political Science

Caroline Janney-History

Venetria Patton-English

Yvonne Pitts-History

Glenn Sparks-Communication

CLA Undergraduate Teaching Award

Rachel Einwohner-Sociology

Nancy Gabin-History

Jane Natt-Communication

Derek Pacheco-English

Jessica Sturm-School of Languages and Cultures

CLA Graduate Teaching Award

Tony Silva- English

3. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Agenda Committee chair, Professor William Gray, reported after meeting with Dean Reingold, the working assumption is that the faculty Senate will function as an instrument of governance rather than an instrument of Beering Hall. The Faculty Senate will rely on the Dean's office to support their efforts. This is a significant change in philosophy and it has direct implications on upcoming business for which the Faculty Affairs Committee has been waiting, specifically the results of the bi-laws reviews. At this time, the results of the Bi-Laws reviews are too tentative to move forward. Dean Reingold has suggested a more far ranging review, comparative studies of how other Universities are handling their faculty governance. Also, a challenge to arrange a situation so that the faculty will be driving things while staying within a reasonable timeline.
- B. Curriculum Committee chair, Professor Kristine Holtvedt, reported on two committee meetings: March 4th and April 8th. At the March 4th meeting the committee considered 8 course submissions, 5 course revisions and 3 new course proposals, 5 program submissions, 4 program revisions and 1 new program. All were approved by the committee. On April 8th the committee considered 4 course submissions, 2 course revisions and 2 course proposals as well as 8 program revisions. All were approved by the committee. Also discussed and approved was the deletion of courses which have not been taught in the last five years. The senate voted to ratify the changes.
- C. Educational Policy Committee chair, Professor Robert Channon provided a list (see report #14-15) and reported that the EPC is charged with reviewing the courses in the core on a 5 year rolling basis. Two categories were reviewed this year: Global Perspectives and United States Tradition. Two main criteria were used to conduct the review: how well the course addresses the description and purpose of the core category, and does the course satisfy the formal guidelines for a core course, principally, the frequency of which the course is offered, at least once per academic year fall or spring. A proposal to change the name of Global Perspectives to Global Issues was voted on and passed 12-6. A vote to retain courses in Global Issues was unanimously approved. The motion to remove a list of courses from Global Issues was tabled in favor of allowing more time for the Senate Members to review information. A unanimous vote to retain 8 courses in US Tradition was passed, and to remove 2 courses the vote was 14-2 NOT to remove the courses. Three newly proposed courses to be added to the core were unanimously approved: Classics 23900, Political Science 34700 and Italian 33300.
- D. Nominating and Elections Committee chair, Professor Richard Johnson-Sheehan asked that the senate consider changing the bi-laws to allow two members from a department to serve on a committee rather than just one person. Approval of the slate of proposed committee representatives was unanimous.
- E. Faculty Affairs Committee chair, Professor Steven Wilson reported on responses of an open ended survey in which faculty were asked to give input to Dean Reingold during a time of

transition. 125 responses were collected. The committee will meet with Dean Reingold on May 8th to share the feedback from the survey.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

6. DEAN'S REPORT: KohfmeI Award recipient, Yvonne Pitts, was recognized.

In the spirit of trying to support faculty governance and make sure that the faculty governance arrangements remain resilient and strong and enable them to protect the integrity of CLA well into the future, Dean Reingold made proposals for a new model.

Dean Reingold expressed his concern with the unconventional way the CLA Faculty Senate is organized, with the Dean functioning as de facto President, and in so saying, he asks the Senate consider a change. His proposal would be for the members to consider a model where they would select a Chair or a President who would preside over the senate. Additionally, the Dean's office would provide some administrative support for the Faculty Senate to address the independent, administrative capabilities to do their work and advance the role of faculty government.

The search for Head of Sociology Department continues. There will be a plan to move forward with an interim leader if the position is not filled soon.

Susan Curtis will serve as interim Head of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies through December. Dean Reingold would like to begin an internal search for a permanent SIS Head sometime in late summer.

The results of the election were announced. Will Gray was elected the Agenda Committee Chair.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Robin Sipes
Secretary, College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office