

**College of Liberal Arts  
Senate and Faculty Meetings  
2007 – 2008 Schedule  
3:30-5:00 pm**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, September 18, 2007	Stewart Center, Room 310
Tuesday, October 16, 2007	PMU, Room 118
Tuesday, November 13, 2007	Stewart Center, Room 202 ( <b>Faculty Meeting</b> )
Tuesday, December 4, 2007	Stewart Center, Room 313
Tuesday, January 15, 2008	Stewart Center, Room 313
Tuesday, February 19, 2008	Stewart Center, Room 313
Tuesday, March 18, 2008	Stewart Center, Room 313 ( <b>Faculty Meeting</b> )
Tuesday, April 15, 2008	Stewart Center, Room 313

*All meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m.*

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

September 18, 2007

3:30 p.m. in STEW 310

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Arriaga, Ximena; Bernstein, Mark; Curd, Martin; Dorsey, Joseph; Duvall, John; Fliotsos, Anne; Frank, Dan; Harper, Bill; Hastings, Sally; Hollich, George; Jagacinski, Carolyn; Leverenz, Larry; Lyle, Roseann; Mattson, Marifran; Morrison, Michael; Reeves, Kathryn; Rietdyk, Shirley; Roberts, Felicia; Smith, R.E.; Sundquist, John; Targ, Harry; Walton, Whitney; Weiser, Irwin; Yang, Fenggang

Absent: Alsop, Janet; Anderson, Jim; Armstrong, Dorsey; Bendito, Petronio; Boyd, Josh; Fox, Ed; Gabin, Nancy; Jackson, Eugene; Lawton, Ben; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; No, Song; Parker, Glenn; Parrish, David; Pincock, Chris; Rauh, Nicholas; Roberts, Randy; Sagar, Aparajita; Schneider, Ryan; Sekine, Eiji; Stahura, John; Waltenburg, Eric; Weinstein, Michael

Excused: Kemmerer, David; Kirk, Karen; Poole, Mary Lou; Sivasankar, Preeti; Wegener, Duane

Dr. Contreni welcomed new and returning senators. He reminded the Senate that Dr. Harry Targ was vice-chair of the Senate, acting as Senate chair in the dean's absence and as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2007:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

### 2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Martha Riley, chair of the Curriculum Committee, introduced an addendum to the curriculum report that was posted on the Web. The Senate voted to approve the addendum. Dr. Riley reported that the committee considered and approved 5 new courses, 8 course revisions, and 5 program revisions. (See report # 07-01.) The Senate accepted the committee's report.
- B) Professor John Duvall, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, distributed a ballot nominating Sarah Mustillo (SOC/ANTH) for a three-year term on the Curriculum Committee. The ballot also held nominations for the Area Committee, to serve on promotion cases for clinical faculty. Jeanette Leonard (SLHS) was nominated to a three-year term, with Charles Stewart (COM) serving as alternate for a one-year term. A voice vote was taken and the slate was approved.
- C) Professor R. E. Smith, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that [the FAC is in the process of organizing, and he invited people to bring their concerns to the committee.](#)

### 3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Dr. David Santogrossi distributed the Fall 2007 Enrollment reports for the University and the College. Dr. Contreni mentioned that 3 of the top 5 largest undergraduate majors in the University are from Liberal Arts – Visual & Performing Arts, Communication, and Psychological Sciences.
- B) Dr. Contreni mentioned Experience Liberal Arts in October, a new, month-long program to highlight the liberal arts at Purdue.

### 5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Contreni used a PowerPoint presentation to show the impact of the *Campaign for Purdue* on the College of Liberal Arts. He discussed the impact on the College's finances, faculty, sponsored research, students, facilities and new initiatives. Copies of the PowerPoint slides were distributed.

6. Memorial resolutions were read for Dr. Darrel Abel (English), Dr. Juanita Dudley (English), Dr. John Stover (History) and Dr. William Stuckey (English).
7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

October 16, 2007

3:30 p.m. in PMU 118

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Arriaga, Ximena; Bernstein, Mark; Curd, Martin; Dorsey, Joseph; Duvall, John; Fliotsos, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Harper, Bill; Hastings, Sally; Hollich, George; Lyle, Roseann; No, Song; Rankine, Patrice; Roberts, Felicia; Sekine, Eiji; Sivasankar, Preeti; Smith, R.E.; Spencer, Jack; Targ, Harry; Waltenburg, Eric; Walton, Whitney; Wegener, Duane; Weinstein, Michael; Weiser, Irwin; Yang, Fenggang

Absent: Alsup, Janet; Anderson, Jim; Armstrong, Dorsey; Bendito, Petronio; Boyd, Josh; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Jackson, Eugene; Lawton, Ben; Mattson, Marifran; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Parker, Glenn; Parrish, David; Pincock, Chris; Poole, Mary Lou; Rauh, Nicholas; Reeves, Kathryn; Rietdyk, Shirley; Roberts, Randy; Sagar, Aparajita; Schneider, Ryan; Stahura, John; Sundquist, John

Excused: Jagacinski, Carolyn; Kemmerer, David; Kirk, Karen; Leverenz, Larry; Morrison, Michael; Poole, Mary Lou

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2007:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Martha Riley, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved 5 new courses, 6 course revisions, and 2 program revisions. (See report # 07-02.) The Senate accepted the committee's report.
- B) Professor R. E. Smith, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, [invited people to bring their concerns to the committee.](#)

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- The Dean reported on the progress of *Experience Liberal Arts* month. He mentioned West Lafayette mayor Jan Mills' declaration of October as "Experience Liberal Arts Month" at the kickoff; the Journal & Courier editorial; the recent P.L.A.C.E. Summit; and the faculty, staff and student recognition reception on October 17.
- Dr. Contreni spoke about some high-profile committees being established by the president's and provost's offices, including the Provost search committee (Professor Margaret Rowe, chair), the vice president for Research search committee (Dean Randy Woodson, chair), the search committee for the dean of the Graduate School (to be named soon), and the strategic planning committee (composed of eight task forces) that are forming. All campus deans were asked to submit names of faculty who might serve on these committees, and Dr. Contreni did so. He encouraged faculty to serve on these committees if they have the opportunity.
- The Dean spoke of President Cordova's awareness of the liberal arts at Purdue, amidst the science, engineering and technology programs. He said that we in CLA need to be assertive, not passive, now that Liberal Arts has been given this opportunity to become more prominent. In answer to the question, "How does CLA integrate?", the dean suggested that we attend to our CORE curriculum, focus on interdisciplinary teaching and research, and think creatively about programs that reach across colleges.

- Dr. Contreni mentioned an upcoming meeting of the dean's staff, department heads and IDIS chairs, where the group will brainstorm about general concepts, general ideas and contributions CLA might make to the University's strategic plan in very specific ways.
  - The Dean announced that Professor Randy Roberts (HIST) was ratified by the Purdue University Board of Trustees as CLA's eleventh distinguished professor.
  - Dr. Contreni answered questions from those assembled.
6. Associate Dean Barbara Dixon announced that the College is conducting a pilot study on assessment for the NCA accreditation.
7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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

November 13, 2007

Room 202, Stewart Center, 3:30 p.m.

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

For the Celebration of Teaching, Dr. Contreni presented departmental educational excellence awards to Ximena Arriaga (PSYC) and Richard Thomas (VPA). He also recognized Gregory Francis (PSYC) and Patrice Rankine (FLL) and Kristina Bross (ENGL) as University Faculty Scholars.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2007.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Harry Targ (POL SCI), vice chair of the Senate, reported on some recent highlights in the College. He also spoke of the College's future, saying CLA must be prideful, vigilant and protective of our academic freedom. The full text of his comments is included with these minutes.
- B. Professor Carolyn Jagacinski (PSYC), chair of the agenda committee, said no items had been brought before the committee.
- C. Professor Martha Riley (VPA), chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee has presented to the Senate 26 new courses, 21 course revisions, 7 program changes and 15 course deletions since the last CLA faculty meeting. All of those have been approved.
- D. There was no report from the Educational Policy Committee.
- E. Professor R.E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said the committee deals with non-academic issues. He asked faculty to contact members of the committee as needed.
- F. Professor John Duvall (ENGL), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported that in April 2007, elections were held for all Senate committees and the vice chair of the Senate for the academic year 2007-08. Harry Targ was elected vice chair, and a list of faculty currently serving on Senate committees was available after the meeting. At the September 2007 Senate meeting, ballots were distributed to fill a vacancy on the curriculum committee and elect representatives to the CLA Area Committee for clinical promotion cases. Sarah Mustillo (SOC/ANTH) will serve a 3-year term on the curriculum committee. Jeanette Leonard (SLHS) was elected to a three-year term on the CLA Area Committee to review clinical promotion cases, and Charles Stewart (COM) was elected as an alternate for one year. Dr. Duvall reminded the faculty that elections will be held April 2008 for the following academic year.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dr. David Santogrossi presented a list of 360 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in December 2007. There were no candidates for the Bachelor of Physical Education degree. The list was approved and certified by the faculty.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

- A. Dr. Contreni reported on his experience speaking to a Preparing Future Faculty class earlier in the day.
- B. The Dean gave updates on Experience Liberal Arts, the P.L.A.C.E. Summit, creation of Latino/Latin American Studies and Asian American Studies in IDIS, and the University's Strategic Plan II.
- C. Dr. Contreni reported on a brainstorming meeting of CLA department heads and IDIS chairs on October 25.
- D. The Dean reported that the President is forming a strategic planning committee, composed of eight focus groups, that is to begin work very soon and conclude its work by May 2008. Bill Harper and Susan Curtis are chairing two of the focus groups. Other Liberal Arts faculty and graduate students serve on several of the focus groups. CLA needs to play a major role in the next strategic plan.
- E. Dr. Contreni opened the meeting to Q&A.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Remarks by Dr. Harry Targ  
Vice Chair of the Senate  
College of Liberal Arts  
November 13, 2007

This is the second time I am standing before the CLA faculty in this role. I ask the same question this time as I did the last: "How did I get here?" In both cases I did not say no when asked if I would be willing to run for the Senate and even further I did not say no when asked if I would be a candidate for Vice Chair. After all I assumed, I would never get selected. And in both cases as I remember, I won the vice chair position by one or two vote margins. So I stand before you now prepared to speak in the name of the Liberal Arts faculty (by a vote of 4 to 3).

Along with raising the question "How did I get here" I ask myself "what am I supposed to say?" Well, let me take a stab at it.

I will briefly review some CLA accomplishments and raise a cautionary note about our place in higher education

First, I think the College of Liberal Arts deserves praise.

1) Experience Liberal Arts month in October provided a brilliant showcase for the variety of talents in the College. Public events, often too many, demonstrated artistic creation, cultural criticism, and political and historical analyses.

2) The College continued to encourage and give support to the development and enhancement of programs of interdisciplinary studies. This fall, programs were initiated in Latin American and Asian Studies, for example.

3) Purdue Liberal Arts Community Engagement (PLACE) programs were presented. Panelists spoke in the community on issues relating to immigration and a series of public events have occurred and will occur concerning understanding Islam.

4) CLA faculty work on numerous projects in the community involving peace, worker rights, comprehensive health care, and a variety of other issues.

5) Last week the African American Studies and Research Center co-sponsored a three day conference on the Harlem Renaissance, which drew scholars from many universities.

6) And, this week, the Women's Studies program, with assistance from a number of departments and interdisciplinary programs, will host a conference on "Pen and Protest: Intellect and Action." This three-day program honors Berenice Carroll, former chair of Women's Studies and a professor in the Department of Political Science.

Second, we in CLA need to be prideful, vigilant, *and* protective of these academic achievements. We are living in a time when the academy is experiencing a neo-McCarthyite assault from hostile political forces.

Barbara Weinstein, president of the American Historical Association, spoke at Purdue in early October about "Academic Freedom in the Age of Homeland Security." Her lecture did not generate the interest and fervor that it deserved. She spoke about policies of the US government to reject the right of academics from countries with which the US disagrees to attend conferences and/or teach here. She also addressed the climate of fear and coercion that is spreading through higher education.

Moneyed voices, talk show hosts, local and national politicians have launched attacks with impunity on individual scholars and academic programs. As the AAUP has pointed out in its recent statement, *Freedom in the Classroom*, "Private groups have sought to regulate classroom instruction, advocating the adoption of statutes that would prohibit teachers from challenging deeply held student beliefs or that would require professors to maintain "diversity" or "balance" in their teaching." Also, these groups have encouraged their members to write college administrators complaining about the substance of what young people are being taught. Some have argued that speakers with certain points of view ought not to be allowed on campus.

We need to be vigilant, ready to collectively challenge those who would destroy academic freedom and the very vitality of the university. We need to be prepared to defend the right and the responsibility of faculty to create interdisciplinary programs. We need to defend the proposition that there must be connections between the university and the community. We need to support the proposition that there is a link between theoretical and practical work; that students and teachers learn from engagement in the life of the communities in which they live. We need to educate the public to the realization that there is a link between pen and protest and intellect and action. In the end, faculty need to be organized so that they can more effectively resist political pressures from disparate political forces who want to stifle critical thinking on the campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

December 4, 2007

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Armstrong, Dorsey; Arriaga, Ximena; Bendito, Petronio; Fliotics, Anne; Frank, Dan; Gabin, Nancy; Hastings, Sally; Hollich, George; Jagacinski, Carolyn; Leverenz, Larry; Morrison, Michael; Rankine, Patrice; Rietdyk, Shirley; Smith, R.E.; Spencer, Jack; Targ, Harry; Waltenburg, Eric; Walton, Whitney; Wegener, Duane; Weiser, Irwin; Yang, Fenggang

Absent: Alsop, Janet; Anderson, Jim; Bernstein, Mark; Boyd, Josh; Curd, Martin; Duvall, John; Fox, Ed; Harper, Bill; Jackson, Eugene; Kemmerer, David; Lawton, Ben; Mattson, Marifran; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Parker, Glenn; Parrish, David; Pincock, Chris; Poole, Mary Lou; Reeves, Kathryn; Roberts, Felicia; Sagar, Aparajita; Schneider, Ryan; Sekine, Eiji; Stahura, John; Sundquist, John; Weinstein, Michael

Excused: Dorsey, Joseph; Kirk, Karen; Lyle, Roseann; No, Song; Rauh, Nicholas; Roberts, Randy; Sivasankar, Preeti

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2007:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

A) Professor Martha Riley, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved three new courses, three course revisions, and four program revisions. (See reports 07-03 and 07-04.) The Senate accepted and approved the committee's report.

B) Professor R. E. Smith, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, [invited faculty to bring items/issues of a non-academic nature to the committee.](#)

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- Dr. Contreni reported that the CLA Area Committee met on November 27, and the candidates have been informed of the outcomes of those deliberations.
- In talking about recruitment, the Dean mentioned ongoing faculty searches, as well as searches for the vice president for research, the Provost and the dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Contreni is chair of the latter search committee.
- The Dean reported that a mid-year management review with the Provost will take place in December. This review lays the basis for budget requests for the next academic year. Topics of discussion will be: areas of progress, program issues, budget concerns, reallocations, the status of new faculty hires and faculty vacancies, diversity efforts in the College, reduction of graduate teaching assistants, advancement activities, study abroad, and assessment of student learning.
- Dr. Contreni reported that he has learned of instances in the College where instructors do not allow students to make up class time or work when they are absent because of the death of a parent or grandparent. He urged faculty to be more compassionate in these instances and asked senators to take this message back to their colleagues. This issue was discussed at length in the University Senate.
- Dr. Contreni asked Dr. Santogrossi for an update on the Banner implementation. Discussion followed.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

January 15, 2008

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Alsup, Janet; Armstrong, Dorsey; Arriaga, Ximena; Boyd, Josh; Curd, Martin; Duvall, John; Gabin, Nancy; Hollich, George; Jagacinski, Carolyn; Kirk, Karen; Leverenz, Larry; Lyle, Roseann; Mattson, Marifran; Morrison, Michael; Parrish, David; Pincock, Chris; Rankine, Patrice; Rauh, Nicholas; Rietdyk, Shirley; Roberts, Felicia; Sagar, Aparajita; Sivasankar, Preeti, Smith, R.E.; Spencer, Jack; Targ, Harry; Waltenburg, Eric; Wegener, Duane; Weinstein, Michael  
Absent: Anderson, Jim; Bendito, Petronio; Bernstein, Mark; Fliotsos, Anne; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Harper, Bill; Hastings, Sally; Jackson, Eugene; Lawton, Ben; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Parker, Glenn; Reeves, Kathryn; Roberts, Randy; Sekine, Eiji; Stahura, John; Sundquist, John; Weiser, Irwin  
Excused: Kemmerer, David; No, Song; Poole, Mary Lou; Schneider, Ryan; Walton, Whitney; Yang, Fenggang

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2007:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Martha Riley, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved 18 new courses, 224 course revisions (mostly related to prerequisites), five program revisions, and a new Minor in Asian American Studies. (See report # 07-05.) A short discussion followed. The Senate accepted and approved the committee's report.
- B) Professor R. E. Smith, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, [said the committee is there to serve faculty on non-academic matters, as needed](#)
- C) Professor John Duvall, chair of the Nominating & elections Committee, reported on the changes in Senate reapportionment. Apportionments are based of the number of faculty in the departments. FLL lost one seat and VPA gained one seat, based on a complex formula. The report (# 07-06) was approved.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- Dr. Contreni reported that President Córdova will visit the College on February 13. She wants to meet with faculty, and a reception will be held at 11:20 am in PMU 118 for that purpose.
- The Dean noted that the timeline for the University's Strategic Plan II is to have a report to the Board of Trustees in May so they can vote on it at their June meeting. The eight "tiger teams" are developing white papers, and the teams are holding meeting with various focus groups. Dr. Contreni said participation is key in the President's grassroots effort, and attendance at the open forums has been standing room only.
- Dr. Contreni explained a misconception resulting from an article printed in the Journal & Courier over semester break that compared the budget distribution between colleges. He affirmed that all colleges received a 3% increase in their budget last year. Some colleges contributed additional monies through EMME, TA lines, and external funding, which resulted in the appearance of a larger distribution. In CLA, the department heads decided to declare 2.75% as the average in the departments and use .25% for extraordinary merit.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch

Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

February 19, 2008

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Alsup, Janet; Armstrong, Dorsey; Arriaga, Ximena; Boyd, Josh; Duvall, John; Fliotsos, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Hollich, George; Jagacinski, Carolyn; Kirk, Karen; Leverenz, Larry; Lyle, Roseann; Morrison, Michael; No, Song; Rauh, Nicholas; Sagar, Aparajita; Sivasankar, Preeti; Smith, R.E.; Spencer, Jack; Targ, Harry; Waltenburg, Eric; Wegener, Duane; Weiser, Irwin

Absent: Anderson, Jim; Bendito, Petronio; Bernstein, Mark; Curd, Martin; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Harper, Bill; Hastings, Sally; Jackson, Eugene; Lawton, Ben; Mattson, Marifran; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Parker, Glenn; Parrish, David; Pincock, Chris; Poole, Mary Lou; Rankine, Patrice; Reeves, Kathryn; Rietdyk, Shirley; Roberts, Felicia; Roberts, Randy; Sekine, Eiji; Stahura, John; Sundquist, John; Weinstein, Michael

Excused: Kemmerer, David; Schneider, Ryan; Walton, Whitney; Yang, Fenggang

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2008:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Martha Riley, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved one new course, 105 course revisions (related to prerequisites). (See report # 07-07.) The Senate accepted and approved the committee's report.
- B) Professor Nancy Peterson, member of the Educational Policy committee, gave a brief overview of their report (# 07-08). The report was accepted by the Senate.
- C) Professor R. E. Smith (COM) reported for the Faculty Affairs Committee. Following the by-laws of the College of Liberal Arts, the committee is preparing its annual report to the dean about matters concerning the dean, his staff, and the faculty. The dean has asked the FAC to undertake three projects: to review the conflict of interest recommendations made by an ad hoc committee in 2005, and to bring the CLA by-laws and promotion document in line with university policies.
- D) Professor Roseann Lyle, member of the Nominating & Elections Committee, presented a revised reapportionment report (# 07-06) to the Senate. The revision was necessary in anticipation of the Fall 2008 creation of the Department of Anthropology. The revised report was accepted by the Senate. Professor John Duvall, chair of the committee, reported that Professors Janet Alsup (ENGL), Ravi Krishnan (SLHS), Melissa Remis (ANTH), Tom Templin (H&K), Marion Trout (Bands), and Bert Useem (SOC) have been elected to the University Senate for three year terms beginning in the Fall 2008.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- Dr. Contreni attended the University Promotions Committee earlier today, and CLA presented the largest number of candidates. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to ratify promotions at their April 11 meeting.
- The Dean announced a Forum on Troubled Students, March 25 from 3:30-5 pm in MATH 175. Presenters will be from the Dean of Students Office.
- Dr. Contreni mentioned upcoming Faculty Development Center Fellows presentations on February 26, March 6, March 18 and April 3. Flyers were distributed.
- A Forum on Immigration, sponsored by CLA, Ivy Tech and the Indiana Humanities Council, will be held this evening from 6-8 pm on the Ivy Tech campus. This is the first of a three-part series.

- Dr Contreni announced two administrative vacancies in the College: director of the CLA Honors Program and associate dean of Interdisciplinary Studies and Engagement.
  - Dr. Contreni reported on President Córdova's visit to the College on February 13. Dr. Córdova visited the departments of English and Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences, and saw the condition of Heavilon Hall. She spoke to faculty at a reception in PMU 118. Discussion followed.
6. Dr. Irwin Weiser read a MEMORIAL RESOLUTION for Professor David R. Ransom.
  7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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

March 18, 2008

Room 313, Stewart Center, 3:30 p.m.

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

In celebration of teaching, two faculty fellows from the Center for Undergraduate Instructional Excellence gave presentations. Jennifer Bay, assistant professor of English, presented "Professional Writers: Writing on the Job", in which she interviewed writers in different professions to assist her students in knowing what jobs are available to them. Patricia Boling, associate professor of Political Science, presented a talk explaining the gender gap in "Women and the Law." A question and answer period followed each presentation.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2007.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Harry Targ (POL SCI), vice chair of the Senate, discussed the upcoming Hiroshima/Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibit.
- B. There was no report from the Agenda Committee.
- C. Professor Martha Riley (VPA), chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee has presented to the Senate 23 new courses, 322 course revisions (mostly due to prerequisites), 9 program revisions and one new program ( a minor in Asian American Studies) since the last CLA faculty meeting. All of those have been approved.
- D. There was no report from the Educational Policy Committee.
- E. Professor R.E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said the committee met with the dean, and he gave them the task of updating the wording in the CLA By-Laws and promotions documents to be in line with University guidelines. They are also working on a conflict of interest document for the College.
- F. Professor John Duvall (ENGL), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported on the reapportionments for the CLA Senate in 2008-09. The new department of Anthropology will have two senators, the department of Sociology will have three, and the departments of Foreign Languages & Literatures and Psychological Sciences will have one less senator each, according to a very complicated formula.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dr. David Santogrossi presented a list of 1007 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in May 2008 and one candidate for the Bachelor of Physical Education degree. Dr. Santogrossi also presented a list of 155 students who will be candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in August 2008. He recommended and the Senate granted approval of these lists.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

A. Dr. Contreni made several announcements.

- The interview process continues for the Provost at Purdue.
- Interviews for the next CLA Honors Program director will begin soon.
- The College has an opening for the position of associate dean for Interdisciplinary Studies.
- A Faculty Forum on Troubled Students will be held on March 25 at 3:30 pm in MATH 175. Dr. Contreni urged CLA faculty to attend the presentation, given by staff in the Dean of Students Office.
- The recent CLA Job Fair/Career Fair had approximately 20 outside vendors, but was poorly attended by students.
- The faculty development centers will have two more presentations on April 3. Drs. Ana Gomez-Bravo and Janice Kelly will be the presenters.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

April 15, 2008

3:30 p.m. in STEW 314

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Alsup, Janet; Armstrong, Dorsey; Arriaga, Ximena; Curd, Martin; Duvall, John; Flitsos, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Hollich, George; Jagacinski, Carolyn; Leverenz, Larry; Lyle, Roseann; Mattson, Marifran; Morrison, Michael; No, Song; Parrish, David; Rauh, Nicholas; Sagar, Aparajita; Sivasankar, Preeti; Smith, R.E.; Sundquist, John; Waltenburg, Eric; Wegener, Duane; Weinstein, Michael

Absent: Anderson, Jim; Bendito, Petronio; Bernstein, Mark; Boyd, Josh; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Harper, Bill; Hastings, Sally; Jackson, Eugene; Kemmerer, David; Lawton, Ben; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Parker, Glenn; Pincock, Chris; Poole, Mary Lou; Rankine, Patrice; Reeves, Kathryn; Rietdyk, Shirley; Roberts, Felicia; Roberts, Randy; Sekine, Eiji; Spencer, Jack; Stahura, John; Weiser, Irwin

Excused: Kirk, Karen; Schneider, Ryan; Targ, Harry; Walton, Whitney; Yang, Fenggang

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2008:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Martha Riley, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved 24 new courses, 110 course revisions (related to prerequisites), 9 program revisions, and one new program (minor in Latino/Latin American Studies) since the last Senate meeting. (See report # 07-09.) The committee also reviewed courses not offered over the past five years. They approved the retention of 25 courses and the deletion of 7 courses at the request of the departments involved. The Senate accepted and approved the committee's report.
- B) Professor Patrice Buzzanell, chair of the Educational Policy committee, made the following recommendations to the Senate (see report # 07-10): nine courses to be part of the Global Perspective section of the CLA core; nine courses recommended for the CLA Core; approval of requested modification of CHNS minor requirements; and two courses recommended for retention in the written & oral communication section. The report was approved by the Senate.
- C) Professor R. E. Smith (COM) distributed three documents for the Senate's review. The conflict of interest statement is new, and the minor revisions to the CLA bylaws and promotion documents will bring the wording more inline with the University's policies. These documents will be posted on the CLA Senate website for Senate review, and they will be voted upon in the fall.
- D) Professor John Duvall, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, presented a slate of nominees for Senate and College committees for 2008-09. Nominees are: to the Agenda Committee for 2-year terms, Bich Minh Nguyen (ENGL) and Robert Sabol (VPA); to the Curriculum Committee for a 1-year term, Ray Dumett (HIST) and for 3-year terms, Erina MacGeorge (COM) and Eric Waltenburg (POL); to the Educational Policy Committee for 3-year terms, Jessica Huber (SLHS) and Mangala Subramaniam (SOC); to the Faculty Affairs Committee for 3-year terms, Richard Blanton (ANTH) and Richard Hogan (SOC); to the Grade Appeals Committee for 2-year terms, Chris Eckhardt (PSYC), Sharon Solwitz (ENGL) and Rick Paul (alternate from VPA); and to the Nominating & Elections Committee for a 1-year term, Duane Wegener (PSYC), and for 2-year terms, Janet Alsup (ENGL) and Darlene Sedlock (H&K). The slate was approved by the Senate. The nominations for vice chair, Sally Hastings (HIST) and Ralph Webb (COM), were presented. Ralph Webb was elected vice chair for 2008-09 after two tie votes.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.



5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- Dr. Contreni reported on promotions. University-wide, there were 92 candidates for promotion. Eighty-three cases were endorsed by straw (secret) ballot. Of the nine candidates remaining to be discussed, four were from CLA. In total, 89 candidates were ratified across the University, and 19 of those were from CLA.
- Dr Contreni discussed the budget process for the College and gave some background on the College's budget situation over the last five years.
  - In 2003-04, the Provost's Office allocated \$2.1 M in recurring funds for CLA. At the same time, Purdue's strategic plan added 300 new faculty over five years (30 new faculty for CLA). For every new FTE faculty, the College gave up 1 FTE TA (at .5FTE, that equals a reduction of 60 TAs) at a total cost of \$750,000. This cost was funded from the \$2.1M, leaving a net gain of \$1, 350,000.
  - The University helped with funding for the 30 new faculty positions at the rate of 90% of an assistant professor's salary. The difference in salaries (approximately \$500,000) for newly hired professors of all ranks was also covered by the \$2.1M, leaving a balance of \$850,000.
  - During this time, the number of fellowships increased according to a Graduate School formula. This increase was paid from the remaining \$850,000.
  - The account for Reserve Unfilled Positions (RUP) is declining (\$1.5M in 2006, \$1.1M in 2007), as these funds are going to counteroffers and spousal hires. The College receives help on spousal hires as follows: if the spousal hire comes from within CLA, the provost's office and the College split the salary for one year before the full salary becomes CLA's responsibility; if the spousal is from outside the College, the salary is split three ways by CLA, the provost and the other college.
  - The 30 new faculty lines from Purdue's Strategic Plan came with no S&E funds.
- Dr. Contreni reported that colleges are receiving a 3.5% increase for merit raises in all categories (faculty, staff, TAs). Three percent will be available for general merit raises. One half of one percent will be available for cases of extraordinary merit and market equity (EMME). The College is not able to supplement the 3.5% raise pool with additional recurring funds.
- The Dean mentioned the Literary Awards Banquet being held this evening.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean