

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

September 21, 2010

3:30 p.m. in STEW 318

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Present: Blackwood, Evelyn; Channon, Robert; Clawson, Rosalee; Coda, Elena; Del Caro, Adrian; Duvall, John; Ebarb, Joel; Einwohner, Rachel; Hurt, Doug; Lee, Richard Sullivan; Morrison, Michael; Neary-Sundquist, Colleen; Olson, Dan; Sabol, Robert; Shaffer, Bill; Tilton, Mark; Yeomans, Christopher

Absent: Alsup, Janet; Bendito, Petronio; Benedicto, Elena; Bhattacharya, Tithi; Blackmon, Samantha; Boyd, Josh; Friedman, Geraldine; Lindsay, Ian; Mullen, Bill; Nguyen, Bich Minh; No, Song; Oliveira, Silvia; Rankine, Patrice; Roberts, Felicia; Ross, Charles; Smith, Daniel; Smith, Michael; Webb, Ralph; Wilson, Steve; Zook, Melinda

Excused: JoAnn Miller

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 20, 2010:

A question arose about 2B, where it is stated, "This would imply . . ." Dr. Joan Marshall clarified that the CLA Senate is now composed of 35 elected faculty senate members, two department head representatives, two representatives for IDIS programs, and the dean – for a total of 40 members. The minutes were then approved.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

A) Professor Evelyn Blackwood, member of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved three new courses, 14 course revisions, one course deletion, five program revisions, and one program deletion. (See report #10-01.) The report was accepted and approved.

B) Professor Anne Fliotsis, member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, read a recommendation that the CLA promotion and tenure procedures be changed to require "a two-thirds majority vote to be forwarded to the University Promotions Committee." The procedures would no longer include wording about a two-thirds vote for "endorsement." CLA's procedures would then be aligned with the procedures in all other academic units on campus. The change would be effective with the Fall 2011 semester. The recommendation will be voted upon at the October CLA Senate meeting. Discussion followed.

C) Professor Michael Morrison, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, nominated Suzanne Parker to a two-year term on the Faculty Affairs Committee. The motion carried by vote voice.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

The College of Health and Human Sciences came into being on July 1 and with it, the College of Liberal Arts assumed its new identity as a college focused on Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. CLA administration has several personnel changes: Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Education Tom Berndt and Director of Financial Affairs Mona Holdcraft have taken on those roles for HHS, and new associate dean Mohan Dutta (COM) and former Assistant Director of Financial Affairs Paula Swank have assumed those responsibilities for CLA; Professor Song No (FLL) became associate dean for undergraduate education and international programs; Dennis Bowling, Director of Advising, has been promoted to Assistant Dean for Student Services, and Adrian Del Caro is the new head of FLL. David Clark, Coordinator for Diversity Initiatives, and Erin Bittinger, Director of Development, have both left the University, and searches for their replacements are underway.

The Strategic Plan Core Committee continues to meet. The Committee hopes to complete a draft strategic plan this semester, based largely on the 2009 draft developed by the previous committee. Comments from faculty will then be solicited. The plan is designed to be aligned with the University's strategic plan in place until 1214.

Every department is involved in faculty searches for assistant professors or continuing lecturers, and some are involved in searches for faculty who will be jointly appointed w/African American Studies and Asian American Studies.

All colleges/schools and departments have been asked to develop plans for significant general operating budget reductions in the next biennium. We don't know what those plans will lead to, but they could involve reductions of up to 3.5% per year. Dr. Weiser said the implication is that these reductions mean little faculty recruiting during the next biennium. Discussion followed.

The dean reported on the activity of the Sexual Harassment Advisors' Network during calendar year 2009. Nine contacts were reported – four from students, two from faculty/staff, and two from parents of students.

6. The members of the Senate stood as Professor Richard Schweickert (PSYC) read a memorial resolution for Professor Emeritus Peter Schonemann.
7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

October 19, 2010

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Present: Alsup, Janet; Blackwood, Evelyn; Channon, Robert; Clawson, Rosalee; Coda, Elena; Duvall, John; Ebarb, Joel; Hurt, Doug; Lee, Richard Sullivan; Miller, JoAnn; Neary-Sundquist, Colleen; Rankine, Patrice; Ross, Charles; Tilton, Mark; Wilson, Steve; Yeomans, Christopher

Absent: Bendito, Petronio; Benedicto, Elena; Bhattacharya, Tithi; Blackmon, Samantha; Boyd, Josh; Einwohner, Rachel; Friedman, Geraldine; Lindsay, Ian; Morrison, Michael; Mullen, Bill; Nguyen, Bich Minh; No, Song; Oliveira, Silvia; Olson, Dan; Roberts, Felicia; Sabol, Robert; Shaffer, Bill; Smith, Daniel; Smith, Michael; Webb, Ralph; Zook, Melinda

Excused: Del Caro, Adrian

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2010:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Evelyn Blackwood, member of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved two new courses, two course title changes, and three course revisions. (See report #10-03.) Dr. Blackwood urged departments to view and use the CLA Curriculum committee web site at <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/facstaff/curriculum/>. It has the forms needed to submit course proposals to the Curriculum Committee. The report was accepted and approved by voice vote.
- B) Professor Elena Coda, member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reviewed the recommendation that the CLA promotion and tenure procedures be changed to require “a simple majority vote to be forwarded to the University Promotions Committee.” The change would be effective with the Fall 2011 semester. (See report # 10-02b.) An amendment to the second sentence (replace “at least a simple majority vote” with “an endorsement”) was proposed and discussed. The recommendation was approved as amended by voice vote.
- C) Professor Joel Ebarb, member of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported that Professor Ranier Buschman has resigned from the committee. Professor Sally Hastings was asked and has agreed to serve a three-year term on the committee. Dr. Hasting’s appointment to a three-term on the Faculty affairs Committee was approved by voice vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN’S REPORT:

Experience Liberal Arts Month is in full swing, with over 50 events scheduled, thanks to the efforts of our faculty and students.

Work on the budget reduction plans continue. Of the potential 3.5% potential reduction, the dean has asked department heads to identify 1.5% in their budgets. Other potential savings are being identified within CLA administration. Future recruitment will be affected.

Dr. Weiser updated the Senate on the University’s merit raise policy recently approved by the Board of Trustees. It includes a 1.5% merit pool, plus some additional funds for one-time bonuses. The academic deans are not permitted to give across-the-board raises, and none of the raises will be substantial. These raises are scheduled to go into effect December 1, 2010. A more normal, though still smaller, merit increase is anticipated for the next fiscal year. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch

Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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

November 16, 2010, 3:30 p.m.

Stewart Center, Room 202

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Dr. Ryan Schneider (American Studies/English), a faculty fellow in the Center for Undergraduate Instructional Excellence, gave a presentation titled, "The Problems of Assessing Multicultural Pedagogy and Community Engagement (or, Your New Curriculum Sounds Great, But How Do You Know If It Works?)." A question and answer period followed the presentation.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2010.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Evelyn Blackwood (ANTH), vice chair of the Senate, deferred to the standing committees' reports.
- B. Professor Daniel Smith (PHIL), chair of the Agenda Committee, stated the role of the committee. He reported the committee received one item for the agenda.
- C. Dr. Blackwood reported for the Curriculum Committee that the committee has approved 10 new courses, 25 course revisions, one course deletion, 11 program revisions, four program deletions, two revisions to minors, and one new program since the March 2010 faculty meeting. These were all approved by the CLA Senate.
- D. Professor Martha Riley (VPA), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that since the last CLA faculty meeting, no proposals for additions to or deletions from the core curriculum were submitted. No periodic review of the core took place, pending the reconfiguration of the College and the appointment of a new dean. The committee is scheduled to meet later this week.
- E. Professor Elena Coda (FLL), member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said the committee met in October for a second discussion of a proposal to appoint the associate dean for IDIS as a permanent member of the Area Committee, to represent the IDIS programs. The committee did not endorse the proposal and invited further communication on the subject with the directors of the IDIS programs.
- F. Professor Michael Morrison (HIST), chair of the Nominating and Elections committee reported no changes to the Senate roster. A slate of nominees for Senate committees was approved by voice vote in April 2010, with Dr. Evelyn Blackwood being elected as vice chair. In October the CLA Senate approved a change in representation on the Faculty Affairs Committee from the department of History.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dr. Song No, associate dean for undergraduate students and international programs, presented a list of 353 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in December 2010. He recommended approval, and the Senate approved the recommendation.

5. DEAN'S REMARKS/QUESTION PERIOD:

Since the March 2010 meeting of the CLA faculty:

- The College has been realigned into nine departments and 17 interdisciplinary programs. The departments of H&K, PSYC, and SLHS are now part of the new College of Health and Human Sciences.
- The College has a new dean. Dr. Weiser was appointed the Justin S. Morrill Dean on July 1, 2010.
- The Strategic Planning Core Committee has met on a weekly basis, using the 2009 draft strategic plan as a foundation. The committee has had wide-ranging and focused discussions about CLA's current identity.
- The College plans to develop a new Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion. Dr. Venetria Patton chairs the committee conducting a national search for its director, who hopefully will also be a candidate for the University's Leading Faculty Program.
- A November 11 reception for CLA Dean's Advisory Council, alumni, faculty and community friends was held.
- The Dean's Advisory Council met on November 12 and had lunch with Capt. Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger, who received CLA's distinguished Alumni Award
- Capt. Sullenberger received the University's Neil Armstrong Award at the President's Council dinner on November 12. Liberal Arts received much publicity that weekend.
- Mid-year merit raises and special merit awards were decided. Campus units had three weeks in which to make decisions, which were not to include an across-the-board cost of living increase.
- Budget reduction planning, targeting a 3.5% decrease each year for the next two years, continues. The dean asked departments to identify a potential 1.5% decrease.
- In response to questions, Dr. Weiser reported:
 - that Research Synergy Clusters were formed to allow faculty to discuss major areas of research and find others in CLA doing similar kinds of work. The clusters would not affect hiring decisions, unless faculty wanted it. While there are currently nine clusters, the number will probably change as interests change.
 - that the Early Retirement Incentive Program will have a small impact on the College's overall budget. Staff members and some faculty took advantage of the program, and staff members and most faculty will need to be replaced.

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

December 7, 2010

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Vice-Chair Evelyn Blackwood, Presiding

Present: Alsup, Janet; Blackwood, Evelyn; Channon, Robert; Clawson, Rosalee; Coda, Elena; Duvall, John; Einwohner, Rachel; Hurt, Doug; Lee, Richard Sullivan; Miller, JoAnn; Rankine, Patrice; Ross, Charles; Sabol, Robert; Shaffer, Bill; Smith, Daniel; Tilton, Mark

Absent: Bendito, Petronio; Benedicto, Elena; Bhattacharya, Tithi; Blackmon, Samantha; Boyd, Josh; Del Caro, Adrian; Ebarb, Joel; Friedman, Geraldine; Lindsay, Ian; Mullen, Bill; Neary-Sundquist, Colleen; Nguyen, Bich Minh; No, Song; Oliveira, Silvia; Olson, Dan; Roberts, Felicia; Smith, Michael; Webb, Ralph; Wilson, Steve; Yeomans, Christopher; Zook, Melinda

Excused: Morrison, Michael

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2010:
The minutes were approved as distributed.
2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:
 - A) Professor Evelyn Blackwood, member of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved 10 new courses, four course revisions, two course deletions, and four program revisions. (See reports #10-05 and #10-06.) The report was accepted and approved.
 - B) Professor Elena Coda, member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said the committee met in October for a second discussion of a proposal to appoint the associate dean for IDIS as a permanent member of the CLA Area Committee with full voting privileges, to represent the IDIS programs. The Faculty Affairs Committee did not endorse the proposal and invited further communication from the IDIS program chairs. (See report #10-04.) No vote on the FAC action was required. Dr. Blackwood invited comments from the floor, and Drs. JoAnn Miller and Charles Ross gave opinions. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Faculty Affairs Committee and the IDIS program chairs should continue to work on this issue.
 - C) Professor Martha Riley, chair of the Educational Policy Committee said the committee met to review courses proposed for addition to or deletion from the CLA Core Curriculum. Four courses were approved for addition, and four courses were approved for deletion. (See report # 10-07.) The committee's report was approved.
3. OLD BUSINESS:
There was no old business.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
There was no new business.
5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

January 18, 2011

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Present: Blackwood, Evelyn; Channon, Robert; Duvall, John; Ebarb, Joel; Einwohner, Rachel; Hurt, Doug; Morrison, Michael; No, Song; Rankine, Patrice; Sabol, Robert; Smith, Daniel; Webb, Ralph; Wilson, Steve
Absent: Alsup, Janet; Bendito, Petronio; Benedicto, Elena; Bhattacharya, Tithi; Blackmon, Samantha; Boyd, Josh; Clawson, Rosalee; Coda, Elena; Del Caro, Adrian; Friedman, Geraldine; Lee, Richard Sullivan; Lindsay, Ian; Miller, JoAnn; Mullen, Bill; Neary-Sundquist, Colleen; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Oliveira, Silvia; Olson, Dan; Roberts, Felicia; Shaffer, Bill; Smith, Michael; Tilton, Mark; Waltenburg, Eric; Yeomans, Christopher; Zook, Melinda
Excused: Ross, Charles

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 7, 2010:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Evelyn Blackwood, member of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved a course revision in Law and Society. (See report #10-09.) There was a question about the number of hours required for a minor and whether the bingo sheet was correct. Discussion followed. The report was tabled until the next Senate meeting.
- B) Professor Michael Morrison, chair of the Nominating & Elections committee, reported that the 2011-12 reapportionment of the CLA Senate was determined (see report #10-08.), and it did not change from 2010-11. The report was approved. Stacey Connaughton was elected to the FAC to serve the rest of Brant Burleson's term. Her election to the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) was approved.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was a question about further Senate discussion of the proposal to add IDIS representation to the CLA Area Committee. Dr. Weiser reported that discussion continues between the IDIS program chairs and the FAC, and no discussion will be held in the CLA Senate meetings at this time.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Faculty recruiting is in full swing. Assistant professors have been hired in Photography and Sociology. Philosophy candidates have been on campus, and campus visits for several other positions are scheduled over the coming weeks.

Dean Weiser is working on a mid-year management report for the Provost. An agenda with specific questions to address was provided, many of them concerning the budget and implications of potential budget reductions. The report will reflect CLA's dire outlook with regards to limited or no hiring over the next few years, possible reductions in S&E, challenges in meeting demand for popular courses, etc. There will also be good news. The latest sponsored programs report indicates an increase both in the number of proposals submitted and the amount of awards over last year, even though three departments with histories of high funding are no longer part of the College. A \$1.5M award to the Writing Lab from the Gates Foundation, a \$1.5M Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality award (Dr. Dutta, COM) and a nearly half-million dollar award from the John Templeton Foundation (Drs. Bergmann and Kain, PHIL) were announced last semester. CLA faculty have also received

three of eight awards for workshops or individual projects from the Global Policy Research Institute. A fourth award lists a CLA faculty as Co-PI. Dr. Weiser's report will also discuss developments in international programming and collaborative research.

Details of the 2011-12 budget won't be known until late spring. Last week President Cordova talked with the Ways and Means Committee, and the governor offered his proposal for a further budget reduction. The key issue will probably be what kind of agreement the legislature and governor can make when they get down to the final details.

The dean answered questions about the budget and the big yellow pencil icon outside Beering Hall.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

February 15, 2011

3:30 p.m. in STEW 314

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Present: Blackwood, Evelyn; Channon, Robert; Del Caro, Adrian; Duvall, John; Hurt, Doug; Lee, Richard Sullivan; Rankine, Patrice; Sabol, Robert; Smith, Daniel; Waltenburg, Eric; Webb, Ralph; Yeomans, Christopher
Absent: Alsup, Janet; Bendito, Petronio; Benedicto, Elena; Bhattacharya, Tithi; Blackmon, Samantha; Boyd, Josh; Clawson, Rosalee; Ebarb, Joel; Einwohner, Rachel; Friedman, Geraldine; Lindsay, Ian; Miller, JoAnn; Mullen, Bill; Neary-Sundquist, Colleen; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Oliveira, Silvia; Olson, Dan; Roberts, Felicia; Ross, Charles; Shaffer, Bill; Smith, Michael; Tilton, Mark; Wilson, Steve; Zook, Melinda
Excused: Morrison, Michael; No, Song

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

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

A) Professor Erina MacGeorge, chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the bingo sheet was corrected in report # 10-09 before the committee approved a course revision in Law and Society. The committee also approved a program revision for the History major (see report #10-10.) The Senate approved the committee's report.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was a no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Dean Weiser gave a few opening comments on the February 2011 draft CLA Strategic Plan before opening the floor for discussion. He noted that metrics are not included yet in the draft. Much discussion followed. Additional comments may be sent to the dean or Evie Blackwood.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Weiser provided an update on the Center for Research on Diversity & Inclusion lecture series. The planning committee hopes to invite 5-6 lecturers to campus this spring, and three are scheduled so far: Michael Dawson on March 9, Rodney Hero on March 21, and Cedric Herring on April 14. The lecture will take place at 4:00 pm. The lecture series will be funded by the President's and Provost's Offices. The dean said every college, as well as the offices of the Provost, the vice provost for Diversity & Inclusion, and the Diversity Resource Office, has asked to be co-sponsors of the lecture series.

The dean announced a President's Forum on the budget, to be held on February 22 at 9:00 am. Vice President Al Diaz plans to address the anticipated \$67.5M structural deficit at the University.

6. Reading of the memorial resolution was postponed until the April Senate meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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

March 22, 2011, 3:30 p.m.

Stewart Center, Room 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Before Dean Weiser presented Excellence in Teaching Awards, Professor Michael Morrison, chair of the Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee, made a few comments about the process and the quality of the pool of nominees. Awards were presented to Professors Randy Roberts (HIST), recipient of the College Educational Excellence in Teaching Award, and Richard Sullivan Lee (VPA), who received a departmental Educational Excellence in Teaching Award. Because of conflicting obligations, Professors Patricia Boling (POL) and Melanie Morgan (COM) were unable to attend to receive their awards at the meeting. Dean Weiser acknowledged the work of the committee.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2010.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Evelyn Blackwood (SOC), vice chair of the Senate, stated that she chaired the December Senate meeting in the dean's absence.
- B. Professor Daniel Smith (PHIL), chair of the Agenda Committee, said the committee had two requests to include agenda items at a future meeting.
- C. Professor Evelyn Blackwood, member of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee has approved 14 new courses, 5 course revisions, 5 program revisions, 4 program deletions since the November 2010 faculty meeting. These were all approved by the CLA Senate.
- D. Professor Martha Riley (VPA), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, said the committee has met one time. They approved four course additions and four course deletions to the CLA Core.
- E. Professor Rod Bertolet (PHIL), member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said the committee considered and endorsed a change in the CLA by-laws to define endorsement by the Area Committee as a simple majority. The committee also considered, but did not approve, a proposal to add IDIS representation to the Area Committee by appointing the associate dean for interdisciplinary studies and engagement to the Area Committee. The committee has not received another proposal on this issue. The chair of the committee will have a meeting with the dean next month to share the results of a faculty survey.
- F. Professor Michael Morrison (HIST), chair of the Nominating and Elections committee, stated that there were no changes to the Senate reapportionments for next year. He also reported that Dr. Stacey Connaughton was elected to replace Dr. Brant Burleson as a senator from COM.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dr. Song No presented a list of 762 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in May 2011, and a list of 210 students who will be candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in August 2011. He recommended approval, and the Senate endorsed both lists by voice vote.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

- A. Dr. Weiser reported on recruitment efforts, saying that new colleagues have been hired in African American Studies, Anthropology, English, History, Political Science, Sociology, and Visual & Performing Arts. Another new hire in Philosophy will join the department after completing a post-doc at the National Institutes of Health. The Department of Communication has hired a new clinical faculty member, and the search continues for an assistant professor in Asian American Studies.
- B. The dean reported that CLA has received support from the Offices of the President and the Provost for a five-lecture series that is helping with planning for a Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion. Professors Michael Dawson of the University of Chicago and Rodney Hero of Berkeley have given their lectures and spent time talking with the planning committee about plans for the center. Three more lectures and visits are scheduled before the end of the semester: Professors Philip Bowman of Michigan (April 25), Cedric Herring of the University of Illinois at Chicago (April 14), and Paula McClain of Duke University (May 4). The planning committee has received very positive feedback on the lectures, and there is much support and excitement from across campus for the Center.
- C. The Strategic Planning Committee continues to meet. The committee has expanded its discussions to think about providing guidance for the College through 2020 rather than through 2014. The committee also anticipates receiving a report soon from a subcommittee of the Dean's Advisory Council, which has been brainstorming about the College from the perspective of alumni.
- D. Dr. Weiser said he has met with department heads for initial planning discussions about the instructional budget for next year, in preparation for the college budget meeting with the Provost in early June. He assumes the budget for the biennium will be tight, which probably means that recruiting will be limited for the next few years. Although the dean has heard nothing definitive about merit raises, he has asked department heads and supervisors to plan for merit raises using 1-1.5%.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

April 12, 2011

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

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

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

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

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

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

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch

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