

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

September 17, 2013

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean Irwin Weiser presiding

Present: Mark Bernstein; Patricia Boling; Josh Boyd; Kristina Bross; Becky Brown; Rebecca Bryant; Rosalee Clawson; Martin Curd; Ariel de la Fuente; Elaine Francis; Atsushi Fukada; Ellen Gruenbaum; Elizabeth Hoffmann; John Hope; Yonsoo Kim; Ian Lindsay; Chris Lukasik; Marifran Mattson; Shannon McMullen; Michael McNamara; Michael Morrison; David Parrish; Bert Rockman; Charles Ross; Melanie Shoffner; Ralph Webb; Michael Weinstein; Christine Wuenschel; Melinda Zook

Absent: Kory Cooper; Jeong-Nam Kim; Al Lopez; JoAnn Miller; Jeffrey Turco

Excused: Harry Bulow; Susan Curtis; Scott Feld; Anne Fliotsos; Will Gray

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 16, 2013:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Ariel de la Fuente, chair of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved three course revisions and two new courses, and deferred the approval of a new course and a change of program. (See report #13-2.) The Senate accepted the report.
- B) Professor Charles Ross, chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, presented a slate of three faculty who volunteered to serve on various Senate committees. (See report #13-1.) The Senate approved the slate.

The Provost's Office has announced a national search for the next dean of Liberal Arts, since Dr. Weiser's term ends June 30, 2013. Professor Ross reviewed the procedures for populating the search committee. A search committee will be appointed by the Provost and will include 3 faculty members, elected by the CLA Senate, and 3 department heads, elected by the department heads. The vice chair of the CLA Senate, Christine Wuenschel, also sits on the search committee. Dr. Chris Ladisch, dean of the College of Health & Human Sciences, will chair the search committee. The three faculty members will be chosen via a Qualtrics survey from the following nominees: Emily Allen (ENGL), Stacey Connaughton (COM), Joel Ebarb (VPA), Jim Farr (HIST), Dan Frank (PHIL), Wei Hong (SLC), Brian Kelly (ANTH), Jay McCann (POL), and Scott Feld (SOC). Discussion followed. The Provost will make additional appointments to the search committee.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT

- Faculty Updates. Dean Weiser reported that the College hired 14 new faculty members over the past year, including a new department head (SLC). The list of new faculty and their bios are

posted on the CLA website. The College also promoted 12 faculty members, five to full professor and seven to associate professor. The dean has authorized 19 new faculty searches. In addition, the College will hire two endowed chairs in History, a new dean, and two cluster hires in sustainability involving Engineering, Agriculture and Liberal Arts. A strategic opportunity recruitment for African American Studies and English has also been approved. Searches continue for the Brian Lamb School of Communication head.

- Enrollment. The 2013 Fall Enrollment Summary Report shows that CLA has 3243 undergraduates and 772 graduate students. CLA is the fourth largest college in undergrad enrollments, behind Engineering, HHS, and Science and third largest in grad enrollment, behind Engineering and Science. Like most colleges, the numbers are down overall and in terms of first year students, and CLA's undergraduate enrollment is down by 499. Particularly troubling is that in CLA, there is a drop in the number of African American and Hispanic students. The first is true of the University as a whole, though the number of URMs is up due to increases in Hispanic students.
- Strategic Messaging Initiative. For about a year, a committee of CLA faculty and staff has been working with two members of the CLA Dean's Advisory Committee, Todd Putnam, Chief Marketing Officer, Bolthouse Farms, and Kevin Mayer, VP of Marketing at Volkswagen. They have been having discussions about how CLA tells its story, what CLA promotes, the College's place at Purdue, and how to better articulate information about the College. Through surveys, one that all CLA faculty and staff, alumni and friends and a number of student groups received last February, and focus groups, the committee looked at various data and answered questions about:
  - a. who the College is,
  - b. how it behaves,
  - c. how it communicates,
  - d. what CLA is proud of,
  - e. what the challenges are when the emphasis nationally is on STEM education,
  - f. how the College operates under decreasing governmental support,
  - g. the need for increased private support,
  - h. the issues of CLA branding, and
  - i. the need to raise awareness about the College at Purdue.

There will be a discussion of the committee's work at the October 11 Dean's Advisory Council meeting, and we will begin using some of the new language as early as November and December.

- Budget. In the dean's annual review with the Faculty Affairs Committee last year, it was suggested that he provide a budget overview to the Senate and the faculty. In his overview, the dean focused on the General Fund Budget—the portion of CLA's budget received from Central Administration, essentially CLA's recurring budget.
  - ~ CLA has a Salary and Wage allocation of \$38,674,552 for this year. That money goes to pay faculty, staff, visiting faculty, continuing lecturers, and some of the College's graduate assistants.
  - ~ CLA also has a Supplies and Expenses allocation of \$1,864,123 this year. That money pays for Internet connections, telephones, travel, and every conceivable supply and miscellaneous expense from staples to computers.
  - ~ CLA has budgeted \$632,055 for temporary staffing—which includes limited term lecturers and soft-funded (non-general fund) graduate assistants. The College pays for as much of this as possible from salary savings of various kinds (grants, year-long sabbaticals, etc.) and reserves from vacancies, but some of it inevitably is covered by the Office of the Provost and constitutes what is called CLA's instructional shortfall.

The non-recurring sources include funds received from:

- ~ Purdue Extended Campus: \$607,050 last year, with \$451,581 going to pay salaries and expenses for a net of \$155,469, most of which is distributed to departments and schools that offered these courses and generated the revenue.

- ~ Summer School: Under the new funding model this year, CLA estimates that it will receive \$1,668,552, with \$1,106,564 for salaries and expenses and net revenue of \$561,988, again most of which is distributed to departments and schools that offer courses.
- CLA also receives funds from Sponsored Programs:
  - ~ Federal Sponsored Programs: \$887,232
  - ~ Non-Federal Sponsored Programs: \$2,292,945 (including a \$1M grant for the Purdue Institute for Civic Communication [PICC] from the Bill Daniels Fund to be spent over the next four years.)
  - ~ Most of this money goes directly to support the researchers: some of the F&A (Facilities and Administration) is kept by the Central Administration and supports the general fund budget and the repair and rehabilitation budget; some is retained by the Office of the Vice President for Research; and a small amount comes to CLA. In 2012-13, CLA received a little over \$50K. New university policies stipulate that 25% of the College's share be distributed to researchers, and that disbursement will take place soon.

And finally, CLA has gift funding. This year, the College is off to a good start with the \$3M gift matched by \$3M from the President. \$6M will be invested in an endowment and will initially produce about \$300,000 per year to support the two endowed chairs in the Department of History. Generally, CLA brings in \$3-\$4M per year in gift funds, most of which is designated for specific uses such as scholarships, lecture series, etc. Some of the money is given as unrestricted gifts - to schools, departments, programs and the College - and is used as discretionary money by heads, directors and the dean. However, a significant part of the College's unrestricted gift money supports CLA advancement, alumni relations, special events, and publications like *THiNK* magazine.

- Purdue's Big Moves. Because Liberal Arts is not explicitly mentioned in the President's Big Moves, beyond an apparent reference to CLA's participation in the transformation of the College of Technology, Dean Weiser thought it more important than ever that faculty work on being partners with the initiatives that are going forward. The President's interest in Study Abroad, with emphasis on long-term programs, a semester or a year, and on programs that enable students to earn credits that will count towards their degree, is a place where CLA should do well. The dean noted a recent announcement in Purdue Today of a new scholarship program to help support students who want to study abroad.
- The dean answered questions about summer courses and the new trimester plan, student recruitment, and enrollment data.

## 6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Professor Rosalee Clawson, head, Department of Political Science, read a memorial resolution for Dr. Joseph Haberer.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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

October 15, 2013

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser presiding

Present: Patricia Boling; Josh Boyd; Becky Brown; Rebecca Bryant; Rosalee Clawson; Martin Curd; Ariel de la Fuente; Scott Feld; Elaine Francis; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Ellen Gruenbaum; Elizabeth Hoffmann; John Hope; Ian Lindsay; Chris Lukasik; Marifran Mattson; Shannon McMullen; Michael McNamara; JoAnn Miller; David Parrish; Charles Ross; Jeffrey Turco; Ralph Webb; Michael Weinstein; Christine Wuenschel;

Absent: Mark Bernstein; Kristina Bross; Kory Cooper; Jeong-Nam Kim; Al Lopez; Bert Rockman

Excused: Harry Bulow; Susan Curtis; Anne Fliotsos; Yonsoo Kim; Michael Morrison; Melanie Shoffner; Melinda Zook

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2013:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Ariel de la Fuente, chair of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved four new courses, one course revision, one revision of a major and one course deletion. (See report #13-3.) The Senate approved the report.
- B) Professor Richard Thomas, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee has received a proposal to create a new School of Interdisciplinary Studies within the College. Discussions continue, and the committee will report to the Senate when deliberations have progressed.

The Committee asked the Senate for approval to dispense with the prescribed yearly review of the dean, since his term ends next summer. Instead, they give their thanks and appreciation for Dean Weiser's service to the College. The Senate approved the request.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- Dean Weiser reported that he and Paula Swank, director of financial affairs, have been working on reports in preparation for a high-level budget review meeting later this week with Provost Sands and Executive Vice President and Treasurer Diaz. They have been asked to review and respond to data on finances, enrollment, programs, infrastructure and space, faculty and staff size, sponsored program awards, fund-raising, and more. Every academic and non-academic budget unit on campus is going through a similar review in preparation for the president's review of Purdue's budget model. No decisions have been made about what a new model might look like, though

there appears to be an assumption that something more closely tied to activity would be appropriate.

- The Dean's Advisory Council met last Friday (October 11), and the dean highlighted the College's recent achievements, major gifts and awards, recruiting, and the demographics of CLA's first-year students. The group also heard presentations about the Strategic Messaging project and participated in career planning workshops and networking with students.
- Teaching Academy. Professors Mariko Wei (SLC) and Laura Young (POL) were recently inducted into Purdue's Teaching Academy.
- Proposal for new School of Interdisciplinary Studies in CLA. Dean Weiser explained briefly the rationale behind this proposal. Discussion followed.
- The dean answered a question about enrollment data.

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS:

Professor Ian Lindsay (ANTH) read a memorial resolution for Dr. Jay O'Brien.  
A memorial resolution for Dr. Marvin Diskin was read by Professor Ralph Webb (COM).

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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

November 12, 2013, 3:30 p.m.

Stewart Center, Room 322

Dean Irwin Weiser, Presiding

Dr. Robert X Browning (POL), faculty fellow in the Center for Undergraduate Instructional Excellence, gave a presentation titled, "A Video Guide to Understanding the U.S. Congress." Dr. Browning used the fellowship to create a video book, "The Televised Congress." He explained how he brought together all the videos used in his lectures so students could view them on any electronic mobile device. A question and answer period followed.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2013.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Christine Wuenschel (VPA), vice chair of the Senate, mentioned the extensive budget overview, funding for summer classes, CLA strategic messaging, and a proposal for a School of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College as she recapped the activities and reports of the CLA Senate since the last faculty meeting. She reported that the dean's search committee has been populated. Dr. Wuenschel also noted that memorial resolutions were read for Drs. Joseph Haberer, Jay O'Brien, and Marvin Diskin.
- B. There was no report from the Agenda Committee.
- C. There was no report from the Curriculum Committee.
- D. Professor Pat Boling (POL), member of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that the committee met once to elect a chair, Professor Martin Curd (PHIL). The committee will continue to review parts of the CLA Core Curriculum.
- E. Professor Richard Thomas (VPA), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported on the committee's work in discussing the proposal to create a School of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College.
- F. Professor Charles Ross (ENGL), chair of the Nominating and Elections committee, said the committee prepared a slate to populate the CLA Senate committees for the 2013-14 academic year. He reported that Professors Jay McCann, Stacey Connaughton, and Emily Allen are the faculty representatives elected by the faculty to the dean's search committee. Dr. Wuenschel will also serve on the committee as the vice chair of the CLA Senate.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dr. Song No presented a list of 225 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in December 2013. He recommended approval, and the Senate endorsed the list by voice vote.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

- A. The College has hired 14 new faculty members, including a new head of the School of Languages and Cultures. Their bios are posted on the CLA website home page.
- B. CLA promoted 12 faculty in 2012-13, five to full professor and seven to associate professor. The Area Committee will meet later this month to consider 21 candidates for promotion in 2013-14.

- C. Nineteen new faculty searches have been authorized, plus two endowed chairs in History and a cluster hire for CLA, Engineering and Agriculture. Almost half of the searches are to replace faculty who have retired or left the University.
- D. Dr. Weiser spoke of President Daniels' Big Moves at the first Senate meeting this fall and suggested the President's emphasis on Study Abroad with likely benefit CLA. The announcement of \$3,000 and \$1,000 study abroad scholarships are already helping students. The dean noted CLA's new study abroad offering in Cartagena (Columbia) and developing programs in Lima (Peru), Seoul (South Korea), Brazil, Chile, and possibly Russia.
- E. The University-wide budget review this semester is intended to help Purdue decide whether or not to change its current incremental budget model. All units have been asked to review and respond to data on finances, enrollment, programs, infrastructure and space, faculty and staff size, sponsored program awards, and fundraising. Deans and financial affairs directors have met with an outside consulting firm, members of Purdue's Business Services area, and the Provost and Treasurer. Dean Weiser and Ms. Swank will meet with the President and Treasurer in mid-December.
- F. Purdue now ranks third among all US universities in the number of international students enrolled. Administrators, faculty and staff who provide various kinds of academic and other support to international students have been meeting this semester to develop a plan to bolster how Purdue provides support to international students so they are better prepared for the language, educational, and cultural differences they encounter at Purdue.
- G. The College is planning two events next semester to help acknowledge the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the School of Humanities Social Sciences and Education, the immediate predecessor of Liberal Arts. The first will be held on Sunday evening, January 12, 2014, and the second is scheduled on April 10.
- H. Dean Weiser responded to questions from faculty.

6. 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

December 10, 2013

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Vice Chair Christine Wuenschel presiding

Present: Mark Bernstein; Patricia Boling; Josh Boyd; Becky Brown; Rebecca Bryant; Rosalee Clawson; Kory Cooper; Martin Curd; Ariel de la Fuente; Scott Feld; Elaine Francis; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Ellen Gruenbaum; Elizabeth Hoffmann; Ian Lindsay; Marifran Mattson; Michael McNamara; JoAnn Miller; David Parrish; Bert Rockman; Charles Ross; Melanie Shoffner; Ralph Webb; Christine Wuenschel; Melinda Zook

Absent: Kristina Bross; John Hope; Jeong-Nam Kim; Yonsoo Kim; Al Lopez; Chris Lukasik; Shannon McMullen; Jeffrey Turco; Michael Weinstein

Excused: Harry Bulow; Susan Curtis; Anne Fliotsos; Michael Morrison

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, 2013:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

### 2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Ariel de la Fuente, chair of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved four new courses, 15 course revisions, and three revisions to existing programs. (See reports #13-4 and #13-5.) The Senate approved the report.
- B) Professor Martin Curd, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that the committee reviewed and approved the creation of a new CLA Certificate Program. They also recommended adding WOST 282 to the CLA Core. The committee continues its review of the Natural Sciences category of the CLA Core. (See report # 13-8.) Discussion on the new certificate program followed. The Senate approved the recommendations by majority vote.
- C) Professor Richard Thomas, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, summarized the committee's final report on a proposal to create a new School of Interdisciplinary Studies within the College. (See report # 13-6.) Discussion followed, with associate dean JoAnn Miller answering questions about the proposal. She said the idea of creating a school of interdisciplinary studies began in the Provost's Office about 18 months ago. The University Senate's Academic Organization Committee has endorsed the proposal. Discussion continued, and Professor Miller said the proposal will now go back to the Provost, who will present it to the Board of Trustees.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

Professor Ellen Gruenbaum presented a resolution opposing a proposed amendment to the Indiana Constitution concerning marriage (HJR 6). (See report # 13-7.) Discussion followed, with Professors Gruenbaum, Rosalee Clawson and Patricia Boling answering questions. Professor Boling made a motion to waive the CLA Senate's rule to vote at the next meeting (as the



amendment is scheduled for vote at the Statehouse in January). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Discussion continued before the resolution was approved by a Senate vote of 25 yes, 1 no, and no abstentions. Professor Gruenbaum will consult with Dean Weiser on dissemination of the resolution.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch

Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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

January 21, 2014

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser presiding

- Present: Dwight Atkinson; Josh Boyd; Becky Brown; Harry Bulow; Rosalee Clawson; Kory Cooper; Elaine Francis; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Elizabeth Hoffmann; Jeong-Nam Kim; Chris Lukasik; Marifran Mattson; Michael McNamara; David Parrish; Ralph Webb; Michael Weinstein; Christine Wuenschel
- Absent: Mark Bernstein; Patricia Boling; Kristina Bross; Martin Curd; Ariel de la Fuente; Scott Feld; Anne Fliotsos; John Hope; Ian Lindsay; Al Lopez; Shannon McMullen; JoAnn Miller; Bert Rockman; Charles Ross; Jeffrey Turco
- Excused: Susan Curtis; Yonsoo Kim; Michael Morrison; Melanie Shoffner; Melinda Zook

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2013:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Stacey Connaughton, member of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved two new courses and 1 course revision. (See report #13-9.) The Senate approved the report.
- B) Professor Charles Ross, chair of Nominating & Elections Committee, reported on the reapportionments of the CLA Senate for 2014-15. The Senate approved the report.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

The dean reported that, after the resolution for HJR6 was passed by the CLA Senate, he sent it via email to Indiana Governor Pence, House Speaker Bosma and Indiana Senate President Long. He asked Speaker Bosma and President Long to distribute CLA's resolution to the chambers they lead.

The proposal for a new School of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College has been sent to the Provost for his approval. It will then be sent to the President and the BOT for final approval.

Dean Weiser will give a 15-minute presentation to the BOT on Feb. 20. Among other topics, he will discuss how CLA fits into the Purdue Moves, especially in regards to involvement in the transformation of the College of Technology, engaging students with international experiences, changing how learning occurs through CLA's participation in the Impact Project and distance learning, and becoming a year-round university through increased summer offerings, both face to face and online. The dean will also

share information about CLA's April 10 panel discussions, emphasizing the importance of the Liberal Arts at a STEM-focused university. He invited additional suggestions for his presentation.

Faculty recruitment continues, with six new faculty hired to date. The dean reported on the Provost's review of faculty recruiting campus-wide, as overall recruitment has doubled over last year. The Provost and the President looked at the relationship between recruitment and credit hour production. Colleges across campus have been asked to proceed cautiously with faculty recruitment. The dean has communicated with department heads about their searches.

Dr. Weiser led a question and answer period.

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION:

A memorial resolution for Thomas Goodrich (COM) was read by Professor Glenn Sparks.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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

February 18, 2014

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

Present: Dwight Atkinson; Harry Bulow; Rosalee Clawson; Kory Cooper; Anne Fliotsos; Elaine Francis; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Elizabeth Hoffmann; Chris Lukasik; Michael McNamara; JoAnn Miller; Michael Morrison; David Parrish; Ralph Webb; Dwayne Woods; Christine Wuenschel  
Absent: Mark Bernstein; Patricia Boling; Josh Boyd; Kristina Bross; Ariel de la Fuente; Scott Feld; John Hope; Jeong-Nam Kim; Yonsoo Kim; Ian Lindsay; Al Lopez; Marifran Mattson; Shannon McMullen; Bert Rockman; Charles Ross; Jeffrey Turco; Michael Weinstein; Melinda Zook  
Excused: Patricia Boling; Becky Brown; Martin Curd; Susan Curtis; Melanie Shoffner

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

The minutes were approved as distributed.

### 2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Will Gray, chair of the Agenda Committee, said he hopes the committee can be more involved with setting the meeting agendas, as stated in the CLA Bylaws. He plans to establish a subcommittee to discuss the future priorities of the CLA Senate. Please contact Dr. Gray (44132 or [wgray@purdue.edu](mailto:wgray@purdue.edu)) if you'd like to take part in the discussion.
- B) Professor Richard Hogan, member of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee recently approved three new courses and 11 course revisions. (See report #13-11.) The Senate approved the report.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

### 5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Faculty recruitment continues, with some oral offers out and many more interviews scheduled. Following the Provost's review of faculty recruiting campus-wide, all CLA faculty searches have been released except one.

The dean will participate in the University Promotions Committee meeting tomorrow. All but three of the University's 115 candidates for promotion were endorsed on preliminary ballot. After the meeting, the dean will contact all CLA candidates to provide an update.

The major focus of Dean Weiser's presentation to the Academic Affairs Committee (BOT) on Feb. 20 will be CLA's participation in Purdue Moves, highlighting examples such as the Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Study Abroad, and the Impact Project. He wants the BOT to be aware of CLA's involvement in Purdue's immediate and long-term future.

The dean expects the proposal for a new School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS) to be approved at this meeting. The dean intends to make SIS a functioning unit as soon as possible.

6. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS:

A memorial resolution for Professor Ingeborg Hinderschiedt (SLC) was read by Professor John Sundquist.

A memorial resolution for Professor Linda Bergmann (ENGL) was read by Dean Irwin Weiser.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY

March 25, 2014

3:30 p.m. in STEW 310

Vice Chair Christine Wuenschel, presiding

Dr. Ahmed Idrissi Alami, professor of Languages and Cultures and fellow in the Center for Undergraduate Instructional Excellence, discussed his research on Muslim cultures and emigration globally during his presentation titled, "*Muslim Cultures in a Global Cultural Context.*"

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON November 12, 2013  
The minutes were approved as distributed.
2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:
  - A. Professor Christine Wuenschel, vice chair of the CLA Senate, reported on the Senate's activities since the November meeting. She noted the dean's reports, the dean's February presentation to the BOT about CLA's involvement in the Purdue Moves initiative, and the upcoming April 10 "*At the Intersection of Liberal Arts & STEM*" panel discussions. The School of Interdisciplinary Studies was approved in February, a Senate resolution on IN House bill HJR6 was approved and distributed to key Indiana legislators, and all faculty recruitments are moving ahead. Memorial resolutions were read for Professors Thomas Goodrich (COM), Ingeborg Hinderschiedt (SLC), and Linda Bergmann (ENGL).
  - B. Professor Will Gray, chair of the Agenda Committee, said the committee is exploring ways in which it can be more active in the CLA Senate. He suggested creating a poll for faculty asking for suggestions, and asked those interested in helping to contact him, [wgray@purdue.edu](mailto:wgray@purdue.edu).
  - C. Dr. Joan Marshall, member of the Curriculum Committee, reported that nine new courses, 33 course revisions, and nine program revisions discussed and approved by the committee since the last meeting.
  - D. Professor Martin Curd, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, said a certificate program of 12-29 credit hours was approved. This action will allow faculty to design courses for the certificate program. One new course, from Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, was added to the CLA Core. The committee continues to review the CLA Core. The Art and Design division of VPA asked the committee to review a proposal to change their degree from B.A. to B.F.A., and it was approved and forwarded to the Curriculum Committee.
  - E. Professor Ralph Webb, member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said the committee provided feedback on the proposal to create the School of Interdisciplinary Studies to the dean and the Senate in November and December. There has been no new business since that time.
  - F. Professor Charles Ross, chair of the Nominating and Elections Committee, said all standing committees have been populated for the 2014-15 academic year. The slate will be presented at the April CLA Senate meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Professor Wuenschel read a memo requesting certification of a list of 601 students for the May 2014 graduation and a list of approximately 120 students for the August 2014 graduation. The lists were certified by the faculty present.

7. 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 8, 2014

3:30 p.m. in STEW 320

Dean Irwin Weiser, presiding

- Present: Mark Bernstein; Patricia Boling; Josh Boyd; Becky Brown; Harry Bulow; Kory Cooper; Martin Curd; Anne Fliotsos; Elaine Francis; Atsushi Fukada; Will Gray; Elizabeth Hoffmann; Marifran Mattson; Michael McNamara; Michael Morrison; David Parrish; Ralph Webb; Michael Weinstein; Dwayne Woods; Christine Wuenschel
- Absent: Kristina Bross; Rosalee Clawson; Scott Feld; John Hope; Jeong-Nam Kim; Yonsoo Kim; Ian Lindsay; Al Lopez; Chris Lukasik; Shannon McMullen; Bert Rockman; Charles Ross; Melanie Shoffner; Jeffrey Turco
- Excused: Susan Curtis; Ariel de la Fuente; JoAnn Miller; Melinda Zook

Dean Weiser recognized faculty who had recently won teaching awards in CLA by presenting plaques. The CLA Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards went to Patricia Boling (POL), Michele Buzon (ANTH), Jennifer Foray (ENGL), and Roberta Malo (ENGL). The CLA Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award was given to Ken Ferraro (SOC). CLA Discovery Excellence Awards were given to Li Zhang (VPA), for the Creative Arts; Arkady Plotnitsky (ENGL), for the Humanities; and Steve Wilson (COM), for the Social Sciences. The Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award was given to Dorsey Armstrong (ENGL), Joshua Boyd (COM), Christopher Lukasik (ENGL), Michael Morrison (HIST), and Keith Shimko (POL). The dean thanked the Teaching Award Committee for their work.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18, 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 intends to place two items on the CLA agenda this fall: 1) review of the CLA Bylaws, which falls under the responsibility of the Faculty Affairs Committee; and 2) prepare a poll of CLA Faculty about their thoughts toward the Senate, what reforms they might like to see, and significant issues the Senate might address. The Senate endorsed this plan by voice vote. (See report #13-14.)
- B) Dr. Joan Marshall, member of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee approved one new course, 10 program changes, 31 course revisions, and one new minor since the last Senate meeting. (See reports #13-12 and 13-13.) The committee also reviewed five program changes in VPA as they prepare to offer a BFA degree. The Senate approved the report.
- C) Professor Martin Curd, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, said the committee has completed its review of the Math and Statistics category and has nearly completed its review of the Natural Sciences category of the CLA Core. Six Art & Design courses are recommended for addition to the CLA Core and a Psychology course has been recommended for removal. (See report # 13-16.) The report was approved by the Senate.
- D) Professor Michael Morrison, member of the Nominating & Elections Committee, distributed a slate of new committee members for 2014-15. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved. Professor Li Zhang (VPA) was elected as the 2014-15 vice chair by ballot vote. (see report#13-15.)



3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

The dean distributed an information card about the three April 10 panel discussions, which are part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the College. He recognized the panelists and encouraged all faculty to attend the afternoon and evening discussions as their calendars allowed. Dean Weiser also announced the dedication of a Preston Jackson sculpture titled, "Distant Paths" in Founders' Park on April 11. This sculpture was made possible by the Florence H. Longsford Endowment.

The Purdue Board of Trustees endorsed all CLA candidates for promotion and tenure at their meeting on April 4.

Of the 23 faculty searches authorized for this year's recruitment season, 17 new faculty have been hired so far and three more searches are in final stages. Searches are ongoing for two endowed chairs in HIST and two cluster hires. Professor and interim head Marifran Mattson is the new head of the Brian Lamb School of Communication. Dean Weiser anticipates that next year's recruitment effort will be on a much smaller scale.

Three candidates for Provost will be on campus this month for interviews. They have Engineering backgrounds and come from Notre Dame, University of Illinois, and the University of Connecticut. The candidates' presentations will be available on the Provost's website.

The dean answered questions about the candidates for Provost and future enrollment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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