

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
January 3, 2008

Members Present: Caroline Morgan, Roslyn Schindler, Charles Parrish, Larry Lombard, Bob Reynolds, Brad Roth, Avis Vidal, Marvin Zalman, Seymour Wolfson, Allen Batteau, Catherine Jen, Eric Ash, Robert Aguirre, Mark Ferguson, John Klein

Attending: Robert Thomas, Don Spinelli, Dave Njus, Joe Rankin, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Carmen Albert, Joe Kieleszewski

Absent With Notice: Boris Baltes, Geoff Nathan, David Coleman

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting were approved.

Dave Njus spoke of the need for nominees for the college teaching awards. Dave also asked for names for the CLAS Technology Committee, which is in charge of the distribution of the Omnibus funds the college receives. There was discussion of how the committee might operate better.

The draft article on the college Budget Advisory Committee, distributed prior to the meeting, was discussed. Seymour Wolfson suggested that language be included on what happens in case someone is unable to serve. He also suggested that the article make clear how the chair of the committee is selected. Larry Lombard suggested that the dean appoint an ex-officio chair who is also a member of Faculty Council, and who can serve as the link between council and the budget committee. It was agreed that the draft would be rewritten to reflect these suggestions and brought back to council in February.

Don Spinelli, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, brought to council a proposal for a graduate level statistics course in Anthropology, ANT 6430. There was much discussion about the abundance of statistics courses offered around campus, particularly in the social sciences. Specific objections to this particular statistics course proposal included the lack of prerequisites, the 6000 level of the course, and the fact that it lacked a syllabus. Allen Batteau said that he would take these issues back to the Anthropology department.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.