

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
January 04, 2007

Members Present: Arthur Marotti, Avis Vidal, Caroline Morgan, Charles Parrish, John Klein, Larry Lombard, Marvin Zalman, Robert Aguirre, Roslyn Schindler, Catherine Jen, Mark Ferguson, Boris Baltes

Attending: Dean Paula Wood, Dean Sandra Yee, Dave Njus, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski

Absent With Notice: Eric Ash, Steve Spurr, Brad Roth, Hans Hummer, David Coleman

NOTE: Council Secretary Robert Reynolds, Dean Robert Thomas, and Associate Dean Don Spinelli were attending the meeting of the College P&T Committee, scheduled at the same time.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

The minutes of the December 07, 2006 meeting were approved.

Dean Wood and Dean Yee discussed the upcoming North Central Association site visit (February 12-14) and distributed copies of the university's self-study. They said that it is possible that the site visit team will want to meet with the CLAS Faculty Council, and that, if so, the council should be ready.

Dave Njus asked for names for this year's CLAS Technology Committee—one name from each of the college's four divisions. There was some feeling that the committee should be expanded to eight members (two from each division), and that the role of the committee should also be expanded, so that it deals with the whole of the classroom teaching environment (lights, chalk, etc.). To signify the change in outlook, it was suggested that the committee's name be changed to the Teaching Environment and Technology Committee. Assoc. This will all be taken under advisement.

Roz Schindler led a discussion of the proposed new Interdisciplinary Studies course, ISP 3200. On the basis of a portfolio review, this two-credit course would grant experiential learning credit of up to eight hours. In the pilot course this fall, she said, thirteen of the seventeen students registered received from four to eight credits (plus two elective credits for the course itself). To address the council's questions and concerns, select members of the IS faculty will attend the February council meeting, and those portfolios that received credits in the fall 2006 semester will be made available for the council to review.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.