

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
January 08, 2009

Members Present: Avis Vidal, Mark Ferguson, Marvin Zalman, Geoff Nathan, Charles Parrish, John Klein, Caroline Morgan, Robert Reynolds, David Coleman, Mark Vanberkum, Fred Pearson, Boris Baltes, Roslyn Schindler

Attending: Robert Thomas, Donald Haase, David Njus, Joseph Rankin, Caroline Brzuchowski, Paul Clemens

Absent With Notice: Allen Batteau, Seymour Wolfson, Robert Aguirre, Eric Ash, Mark Baskaran

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the December 04, 2008 meeting were approved as amended.

Dean Thomas discussed the need to select a student speaker for the college commencement on May 7, which will be CLAS's first college-only commencement. The dean suggested that it might be a good idea, in the interests of greater variety, to select a student who is not also the Henry or Donnelly award winner. Ideas for various ways of selecting the student speaker were discussed. Associate Dean Donald Haase is in charge of the college's preparations for the commencement.

Associate Dean David Njus asked for nominees to serve on the college Technology Committee. He said that it is not clear how much money the college will receive this year. In the past, the amount has been about one million dollars or a bit above. Charles Parrish said that a cut of fifteen percent of that amount is likely. Council will bring suggestions for committee members to the February meeting.

Council voted to move the May 7 meeting of Faculty Council, which conflicts with the college commencement, to May 14 at 9:30.

The dean noted that he has no additional budgetary information to report. He said that the Winter 2009 enrollment figures look to be down seven percent; the four-percent drop in enrollment in the fall semester resulted in an eight-million dollar budget shortfall.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25.