

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
January 10, 2013

Members Present: Avis Vidal, Fred Pearson, John Klein, Mary Cay Sengstock, Geoff Nathan, Larry Lombard, Ed Golenberg, Tom Killion, Eric Lambert, Krista Brumley, Caroline Morgan, Boris Baltes, Marsha Richmond

Attending: Joe Kieleszewski, Paul Clemens, Robert Aguirre, Peter Hoffmann, Caroline Brzuchowski

Absent With Notice: Danielle McGuire, Anne Duggan, Mark Ferguson, Claudio Verani, Charles Parrish

The meeting was called to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the November 01, 2012 meeting were approved.

Robert Aguirre gave a presentation on the college's new advising initiatives. The goal of these changes, and of the three rounds of hiring of professional advisors (one of which is completed, one of which is beginning), is to improve student retention and the university's six-year graduation rate of 28%.

While supporting the initiative as a positive step, both Larry Lombard and John Klein expressed doubt that it would do much to dent the university's retention and graduation problems without also raising the university's admissions standards.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00.