

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Council Meeting  
February 06, 2014

Members Present: Yifan Zhang, Geoffrey Nathan, Avis Vidal, Charles Parrish, Larry Lombard, Lisa Maruca, Mark Ferguson, Tom Killion, Anne Duggan, Pramod Khosla, Ed Golenberg, Jennifer Wareham, Fred Pearson, Caroline Morgan, Danielle McGuire, Michael Belzer

Attending: Christy Chow, Peter Hoffmann, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Donald Haase, Wayne Raskind, Robert Aguirre, Elena Past

Absent With Notice: Elizabeth Faue, Krista Brumley

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the January 09, 2014 meeting were approved.

Charles Parrish wondered why the meeting had been shortened to one hour and suggested that the meeting of department chairs, immediately to follow Faculty Council, be shortened instead.

In order to have a ninety-minute meeting for the following months, council agreed to meet at 9:00 instead of 9:30 on March 6 and May 8.

Robert Aguirre spoke of this year's CLAS Teaching Awards and distributed a list of winners.

Mark Ferguson and Caroline Brzuchowski sought nominees for the upcoming CLAS elections.

Elena Past presented the changes to the major and minor in Romance Languages with a concentration in Italian. The changes were approved.

Peter Hoffmann distributed the WSU/CLAS Grade Appeal Procedure, along with his proposed revisions to it. Students, he said, find the policy confusing. After much discussion, Hoffmann suggested that the topic be revisited at a subsequent meeting of council, and that council members send him their suggestions for changes in the interim.

Christy Chow discussed the college policy on the publication of dissertation materials by graduate students—a policy that appears in the CLAS section of the current bulletin but not in the Graduate School's section (though CLAS uses the policy that, in older bulletins, had been put forth by the Graduate School). There was general agreement that the issue is fraught—that, while students clearly have the right to publish their own work, many dissertations are in fact the result of collaborative work, with input from faculty members and others students. Council eventually approved the deletion of three lines from the Graduate Bulletin entry on “Essays, Theses, and Dissertations” that dealt with publication.

Pramod Khosla distributed materials from other universities on faculty teaching loads. Mark Ferguson suggested that the council revisit this issue at a later meeting when there would be more time to discuss.

Charles Parrish objected to the implementation of the new university credit hour policy, which has been overseen at the college level by Peter Hoffmann. Parrish contends that the new policy is just a draft, and that it has been “dramatically mishandled.” He urged a discussion of the issue at the next council meeting, and recommended that Lou Romano of the Academic Senate be invited to attend.

Parrish made a motion that the college continue with its past credit hour policy until council can discuss the new policy. The motion did not pass.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.