

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
March 03, 2011

Members Present: Mark Baskaran, renee hoogland, Charles Parrish, Caroline Morgan, Allen Goodman, Mark Ferguson, Elizabeth Lublin, Geoff Nathan, Marsha Richmond, Avis Vidal, Robert Reynolds, Boris Baltes, Markus Friedrich, Fred Pearson, Mark Vanberkum, John Klein

Attending: Donald Haase, Christine Chow, Caroline Brzuchowski, Paul Clemens, Joe Rankin, Joe Kieleszewski

Absent With Notice: David Coleman, Anne Duggan

The meeting began at 9:00.

The proposed move of Computer Science to Engineering was again discussed, with many of the same points made during the February meeting getting reiterated. Robert Reynolds said that the topic would be discussed again at the April meeting, when Interim Computer Science Chair Monica Brockmeyer would be in attendance.

Charles Parrish said that the Provost recently had a meeting with the deans in which the university's budget issues were discussed. Joe Kieleszewski said that he had attended a business manager's meeting at which similar information was shared. Kieleszewski said that the cut to the colleges would be 6%, which in the case of CLAS means roughly \$3.5 million, or more than three times the size of the college's previous major cut for FY08. The cut to divisions, he said, would be 15%.

Parrish said that part of the reason for the differential in cuts is that in 2000, 45% of WSU's budget went to schools and colleges, whereas only 35% of it does now. He added that in 2004, Mike McIntyre of the Law School issued a set of principles that the university should follow when it cuts costs, and that President Gilmour recently praised what McIntyre had written.

Parrish said that the cut to the university would be \$20-\$30 million, with Rob Kahrman calculating the cut at the higher end and Parrish himself calculating the cut at the lower end.

Fred Pearson asked about the Rainy Day Fund. Parrish said that it has \$19 million.

The minutes of the February 03, 2011 meeting were approved.

Robert Reynolds noted that the college elections are upcoming and that, with twenty-eight positions to fill, we need fifty-six nominees.

Joe Rankin distributed the list of members on the 2010 CLAS Technology Committee and noted that one member—Monica Brockmeyer of Computer Science—is now Interim Chair of Computer Science. There was general agreement that a chairperson should not serve on such a committee.

Mark Vanberkum made a motion that the members from the 2010 committee be accepted to serve on the 2011 committee with the exception of Brockmeyer, and that the chairs in the Physical Sciences send nominees to replace her to Joe Rankin. The dean will then select one of the nominees for membership on the committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles Parrish wondered what can and cannot be funded with the Omnibus money and expressed doubts that there are as many restrictions on the money's use as some believe. He asked, for instance, if laptops for faculty (to be used for classroom purposes) can be bought with the Omnibus money. If not, what money can be used for that?

Joe Kieleszewski said that there is a college policy for faculty computer replacement and that he'll post it on the website.

Joe Rankin said that the deadline for CLAS Faculty IT mini-grant proposals is March 16. Avis Vidal requested that the winning proposals from past year's might be posted online to help faculty craft their proposals. Sangeetha Gopalakrishnan, director of the FLTC, has been doing so.

Charles Parrish initiated a discussion of the ways in which the college might approach the use of technology in the teaching of large lecture classes. Whether or not there could be uniformity in the use of clickers, for instance, in a college of this size was debated.

Avis Vidal noted that Monica Brockmeyer is also a member of the Curriculum Committee. Bob Reynolds agreed to replace her for the remainder of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55.