

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
March 7, 2013

Members Present: Boris Baltes, Krista Brumley, Tom Killion, Anne Duggan, Mark Ferguson, Claudio Verani, Avis Vidal, Fred Pearson, Geoff Nathan, Ed Golenberg, Eric Lambert, Marsha Richmond, Charles Parrish

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Don Haase, Christy Chow, Robert Aguirre, Jennifer Wareham, Cathy Jen, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski

Absent With Notice: Caroline Morgan, Larry Lombard, Mary Cay Sengstock, Danielle McGuire, John Klein

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the February 7, 2013 meeting were approved.

Dean Raskind spoke of the university's budget situation and of a possible five-percent cut to the college. He said that, despite the fiscal pressures, the college needs to develop ways to continue moving forward.

Avis Vidal wondered how, in the absence of an up-to-date university or college strategic plan, such budgetary decisions would be guided.

Jennifer Wareham of Criminal Justice presented her department's proposed changes to its B.S. degree. The changes were approved.

Cathy Jen of Nutrition and Food Science presented her department's proposed joint MA-MPH degree in Nutrition and Food Science and Public Health. The degree was approved.

During Jen's presentation, Charles Parrish asked about the department's online course offerings. Mark Ferguson objected that such a discussion was not germane to the business at hand. Discussion continued.

The proposed amendment to Article XII of the college bylaws passed.

Mark Ferguson asked for candidates for the upcoming college elections. With 28 vacancies, the college needs at least 56 candidates.

There was much discussion of teaching at extension centers; of teaching during the summer; and of online teaching. Issues of economics, incentives, and quality standards were raised.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.