

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
April 02, 2009

Members Present: Caroline Morgan, Allen Batteau, Seymour Wolfson, Mark Ferguson, Robert Reynolds, David Coleman, Mark Vanberkum, Fred Pearson, Marvin Zalman, Eric Ash, Avis Vidal, Charles Parrish, Mark Baskaran

Attending: Robert Thomas, Donald Haase, David Njus, Joseph Rankin, Caroline Brzuchowski, Paul Clemens, Robin Boyle, Ahmad Heydari

Absent With Notice: Boris Baltes, Roslyn Schindler, Geoff Nathan, John Klein, Robert Aguirre

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the March 05, 2009 meeting were approved.

Robin Boyle, Chair of the Department of Geography and Urban Planning, gave a presentation to council on the proposals to discontinue the BA in Geography and to change the department name to Urban Studies and Planning. The motion to approve both proposals passed unanimously.

Ahmad Heydari of Nutrition and Food Science presented the department's proposed BA in Nutrition and Food Science with a Certificate in Culinary Arts/Management. The proposed program will be offered in conjunction with the Culinary Art Program at Macomb Community College. The complete program will be offered at the MCC Center campus.

There were questions about the program's academic merits and its relative lack of WSU credits, which seems to violate the university rule about the number of credit hours that need to be taken in residence.

A motion to approve the program as a pilot, to be assessed at the end of three years by a board appointed by the dean, passed unanimously.

Associate Dean David Njus asked for nominations for student representatives to the college's Merit Review Committee. One student per division is needed. The students can be graduates or undergraduates.

Robert Reynolds asked, once again, for candidates for the upcoming CLAS elections.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.