

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
April 3, 2008

Members Present: Larry Lombard, Marvin Zalman, Seymour Wolfson, John Klein, Eric Ash, Roslyn Schindler, Robert Aguirre, Caroline Morgan, Catherine Jen, Bob Reynolds, Brad Roth, Avis Vidal, Allen Batteau, Boris Baltes, Geoff Nathan, David Coleman

Attending: Robert Thomas, Dave Njus, Joe Rankin, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski

Absent With Notice: Mark Ferguson, Charles Parrish

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the March 6, 2008 meeting were approved.

Marsha Richmond of the History Department spoke of the Year of the Environment proposal, which had been discussed at the March meeting before being tabled. Marsha explained that the proposal was first put forward in September of 2007 and that it came out of the Working Group on Science and Society. She said that it is a university-wide proposal; that funding is being sought from the NSF; and that the Environmental Sciences Program is interested in participating. The proposal was unanimously endorsed.

David Njus presented the charter for the Center for Excellence and Equity in Mathematics, which will formally gather together the related entities (Math Corps, the Emerging Scholars Program, etc.) previously referred to, informally, as the Mathematics Pipeline. The goal, Dave and Dean Thomas said, is to unify these already successful programs for fundraising purposes. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Bob Reynolds and Caroline Brzuchowski spoke of the need for nominees for the upcoming college elections.

Larry Lombard spoke of the need for greater research funding possibilities from the university—in the Humanities in particular—and cited the Research and Inquiry grants in the former College of Liberal Arts as an example of the sort of funding that is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20.