

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
May 02, 2013

Members Present: Boris Baltes, Krista Brumley, Claudio Verani, Avis Vidal, Geoff Nathan, Ed Golenberg, Eric Lambert, Charles Parrish, Caroline Morgan, Larry Lombard, Mary Cay Sengstock, Danielle McGuire, John Klein

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Don Haase, Christy Chow, Peter Hoffmann, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski

Absent With Notice: Tom Killion, Anne Duggan, Mark Ferguson, Fred Pearson, Marsha Richmond

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the April 04, 2013 meeting were approved.

Don Haase noted that of the twenty-one promotion and tenure cases put forward by the college this academic year, all were approved by the provost.

Dean Raskind spoke of the college budget situation, noting that the college would have its budget hearing the following day (May 03). Though the situation was fluid, the cut to the college appeared as if it would be above five percent.

The dean discussed the disconnect between the cost of instruction to the college and its level of funding. With the hiring of a new president, he said, there was a possibility of the university moving toward a system of responsibility-centered management, which would benefit colleges, such as CLAS, that provide much of the university's instruction. Without a stronger connection between revenue and cost, he said, priorities get distorted.

The dean also raised the possibility of charging differential tuition and assessing fees on certain courses. He said that our general fund will never be bigger than it is now, so we need to think of ways to increase revenue. He stressed the need, too—since he wants to reduce our reliance on part-timers—to have our full-time faculty teach more students, in part through increased class sizes.

Five excellent candidates for president, the dean said, were recommended to the BOG by the search committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.