

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences—Faculty Council Meeting
May 06, 2015

Members Present: Caroline Morgan, Claudio Verani, John Klein, Danielle McGuire, Elizabeth Faue, Avis Vidal, Michael Belzer, Ed Golenberg, Krista Brumley, Larry Lombard, Jennifer Wareham, Mark Ferguson, Lisa Maruca

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Peter Hoffmann, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Robert Aguirre, Donald Haase, Jaime Goodrich, Kimberly Hunter, Fatih Celiker, Lisa Alexander, Katherine Paesani, Ahmad El-Moussa, Robert Harr

Absent With Notice: Charles Parrish, Anne Duggan, Geoffrey Nathan, Yifan Zhang, Barry Lyons

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

The minutes of the April 02, 2015 meeting were approved.

Mark Ferguson delivered a report from the Committee on Minor and Double Majoring. In general, discussion centered on ways to make it easier for students to pursue a minor or an additional major. To this end, council approved a motion that would increase the number of professional credits CLAS will accept from sixteen to thirty.

Claudio Verani, on behalf of Stephanie Brock, discussed the proposed new BS Chemistry concentration in Materials. The concentration was approved.

Wayne Raskind spoke of the work done by General Education Committee as well as that of the Strategic Planning Committee, which he said will provide feedback early in the fall. Raskind also noted that the college's budget hearing had taken place a couple of days previous, and that the majority of the college's cut would likely be comprised of unfilled faculty lines.

Avis Vidal reported back to council on behalf of the Budget Advisory Committee. She said that there was not much room to maneuver and that the cutting of empty faculty lines would cause a further loss of budgetary flexibility going forward, since the salary savings from those empty lines had funded things such as part-time faculty.

Vidal said that though the Budget Advisory Committee liked the work being done by the centers in the college—cuts to which were another possibility—the committee would have preferred to give up fewer faculty lines. Cuts to the centers, the dean had said, had been the college's "Plan A," but this plan was not strongly supported by the upper administration.

Jaime Goodrich spoke on behalf of the college's General Education Committee, which was tasked by the dean to look at the college requirements. The committee presented its recommendations, leading to a good deal of discussion. No vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35.