

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
September 03, 2009

Members Present: Caroline Morgan, Robert Reynolds, renee hoogland, David Coleman, Mark Vanberkum, Avis Vidal, Mark Baskaran, Geoff Nathan, John Klein, Anne Duggan, Allen Goodman, Seymour Wolfson, Mark Ferguson, Charles Parrish

Attending: Robert Thomas, Donald Haase, David Njus, Joseph Rankin, Caroline Brzuchowski, Joe Kieleszewski, Paul Clemens, Michael Mirto

Absent With Notice: Elizabeth Lublin, Markus Friedrich, Allen Batteau, Fred Pearson

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting were approved.

Michael Mirto of the Development Office discussed CLAS's fundraising success during the Wayne First campaign, noting that the college raised \$34 million. He also spoke of the current Aim Higher for Students campaign, designed to increase scholarship support.

Robert Reynolds was re-elected Faculty Council Secretary. He sought nominations for the Election Advisory Committee, asking that they be sent to him via e-mail.

Donald Haase spoke of the recent requests from the provost's office for information about faculty teaching loads and course releases. The information that the college has so far compiled and sent along has come from the department chairs.

Charles Parrish said that President Noren is looking for ways to reduce the reliance on part-time faculty, one of which is to get tenured and tenure-track faculty to teach more. There was agreement that this would have contractual implications.

Dean Thomas and Joe Kieleszewski discussed the college budget. The dean said that Joe and he have their budget hearing on September 25 and that the cut to the college was 0.8%, or approximately \$430,000. The dean and Joe will meet with the CLAS Budget Advisory Committee before the budget hearing.

The dean noted that there has been talk of a new policy on vacant positions—namely, that they revert back to a central pool after a year of being unfilled. The idea was unpopular.

The dean announced that the provost will be meeting with the CLAS Faculty Council to discuss forming a search committee for a new dean of CLAS.

Donald Haase noted that the CLAS winter commencement will be held on December 12.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.