

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
September 04, 2014

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

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Robert Aguirre, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Christine Chow, Peter Hoffmann

Absent With Notice: Geoffrey Nathan, Yifan Zhang, Elizabeth Faue, Anne Duggan

The meeting was called to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the April 03, 2014 meeting were approved.

Mark Ferguson was re-elected Faculty Council Secretary and Larry Lombard was elected to replace Lee Wurm on Faculty Council for 2014-15.

Avis Vidal reported on behalf of the Budget Advisory Committee: the committee met four times, received fiscal information from the Dean's Office and provided input, and the week previous had seen the proposed cuts that the college submitted to the Provost. The cut was larger than expected—about \$1.2 million—and consisted largely of vacant faculty lines, along with some staff lines.

Wayne Raskind spoke of the ongoing budget cuts—twenty-six faculty lines have been cut in the last two years—and his frustration with the focus on cuts rather than revenue generation. He stressed the need for the university—facing increased competition from other universities and a declining college-age cohort locally—to reach students in new, out-of-state markets.

A bit of good news, he said, is that new students in the college are up this fall, though transfers are down slightly and continuing students are also down.

The college, the dean said, will have four tenure-track faculty hires this year.

There was a lengthy discussion—of student recruitment, tuition rates, budgeting formulas, strategic planning, summer enrollments, online instruction—which ended with Mark Ferguson's suggestion that council use the Faculty Council Blackboard site to explore what CLAS might become in the future.

Dan Kashian was appointed as the replacement for Boris Baltes on the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Larry Lombard was appointed to a three-year term on the Curriculum Committee. Claudio Verani agreed to serve a one-year term.

Larry Lombard asked if Faculty Council should discuss what constitutes a low-enrolled course. Mark Ferguson suggested that this, too, might be discussed on the Faculty Council Blackboard site.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.