

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
September 6, 2007

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

Attending: Arthur Marotti, Robert Thomas, Don Spinelli, Dave Njus, Joe Rankin, Miriam Greenberg, Joe Kieleszewski, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski

Absent With Notice: Caroline Morgan, Allen Batteau

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

The minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting were approved.

Council agreed that the meeting time should be changed from 10:00 to 9:30 for the remainder of the semester.

Bob Reynolds agreed to serve another term as Council Secretary.

Additional CLAS nominees were sought for the university's Article XXX committees.

Dave Coleman discussed the proceedings of the Faculty Council budget subcommittee and the recommendations the dean prepared and submitted to the provost after considering their advice. He stressed the rapidity with which decisions needed to be made and the degree to which the dean sought the committee's input on the \$1 million dollars in needed reductions. (Though no longer a member of the Faculty Council, Arthur Marotti, who also served on the budget subcommittee, attended the meeting and spoke of the subcommittee's deliberations.) The provost, Coleman explained, accepted the dean's budget cut proposals, which were to go before the Board of Governors at 1:00 on September 6.

The item in the budget cut proposal that generated the most discussion was the closing of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. Avis Vidal made a motion that the dean ask the provost to remove the closure of Interdisciplinary Studies from the CLAS budget cut proposal so that a more deliberative method to seek alternative means of budget reduction might be sought. The motion was seconded by Roz Schindler. The motion failed, with a vote of seven against, two for, and five abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.