

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Council Meeting  
September 7, 2006

Members Present: Arthur Marotti, Avis Vidal, Caroline Morgan, Catherine Jen, Charles Parrish, David Coleman, Eric Ash, Hans Hummer, John Klein, Larry Lombard, Mark Ferguson, Marvin Zalman, Robert Aguirre, Robert Reynolds, Roslyn Schindler, Steve Spurr

Attending: Robert Thomas, Don Spinelli, Caroline Brzuchowski, Paul Clemens

Absent With Notice: Boris Baltes, Brad Roth.

Absent Without Notice: None.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

The minutes of the May 4, 2006 meeting were approved.

The Urban Studies proposal was discussed. Don Spinelli suggested that the discussion was still in its introductory stage, and that GUP Chair Robin Boyle would attend an upcoming Faculty Council meeting along with the external advisory committee that Dean Thomas suggested that the department establish. Avis Vidal said that Boyle is presently trying to find a representative from Sociology. She also said that Boyle may have trouble attending the next Council meeting, on October 5, due to the departmental review.

Bob Reynolds discussed the spring election results. He said that of the approximately 400 CLAS faculty, 125 voted. This is a slightly higher turnout than in previous years, when voting was done with paper ballot.

Dean Thomas discussed the CLAS Bylaws. He noted that they were passed before the addition of GUP and IS and that they may need updating. He suggested that Council take another look at them.

The dean also mentioned the CLAS Strategic Plan and the need to update it. Certain small points were raised regarding the document, and the dean suggested that any changes or comments be sent to Paul Clemens.

The dean discussed the space problems plaguing the college, and said that Associate Dean Miriam Greenberg was working on such matters. He also announced that the Confucius Institute has been given funding of \$100,000 a year for five years by the Chinese government. The purpose of the institute, he said, is to promote the study of Chinese language and culture, not just at WSU but in the area public schools.

Arthur Marotti nominated Bob Reynolds to serve as Faculty Council secretary. Reynolds was unanimously re-appointed.

Marv Zalman discussed some of the issues that confronted the college Merit/Salary Committee this past year, and suggested that a sub-committee be formed to address these issues. Larry Lombard agreed to serve on the subcommittee.

The dean said that the college may soon move to electronic submissions for P&T and Merit/Salary. There was general agreement that this was a good idea, although Larry Lombard noted that such a move may do away with the need to actually meet, and that there have been times when discussions at meetings have changed peoples' thinking.

Charlie Parrish suggested that Associate Dean Dave Njus call together those faculty members teaching large introductory classes, so that information may be shared regarding the uses of technology in teaching.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.