

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
October 4, 2007

Members Present: Caroline Morgan, 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: Robert Thomas, Don Spinelli, Dave Njus, Joe Rankin, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Ashok Bhagwat, Regina Zibuck, Peter Hoffman, Ratna Naik, Farshad Fotouhi

Absent With Notice: John Klein, Robert Aguirre, Allen Batteau

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the September 6, 2007 meeting were amended and approved.

Ratna Naik of Physics delivered a presentation on the proposed B.S. in Biomedical Physics. The proposal passed.

Farshad Fotouhi of Computer Science delivered a presentation on the proposed Ph.D. concentration in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (BCB), co-sponsored by the Molecular Biology and Genetics Program in the School of Medicine. The proposal passed.

Ashok Bhagwat of Chemistry delivered a presentation on the proposed B.S. in Biochemistry and Chemical Biology. The proposal passed.

Avis Vidal, Larry Lombard, Roz Schindler, and Dave Coleman agreed to serve on a subcommittee to review the CLAS Bylaws and Strategic Plan in light of the recent closures and consolidations. Paul Clemens said that he would arrange a meeting of the subcommittee.

Caroline Brzuchowski made another call for CLAS nominees for the Article XXX committees.

Joe Rankin spoke of the need for the college to have a Retention Committee with Faculty Council representation. Eric Ash and Boris Baltes agreed to serve, and Charlie Parrish suggested that there be members on the committee who teach large lecture courses, as it is in such courses that potential retention problems are first evident.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.