

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
October 04, 2012

Members Present: Fred Pearson, John Klein, Mary Cay Sengstock, Mark Ferguson, Geoff Nathan, Larry Lombard, Anne Duggan, Claudio Verani, Ed Golenberg, Tom Killion, Eric Lambert, Krista Brumley, Avis Vidal

Attending: Christine Chow, Paul Clemens, Robert Aguirre, Peter Hoffmann, Joe Kieleszewski, Dan Isaksen

Absent With Notice: Danielle McGuire, Caroline Morgan, Boris Baltes, Marsha Richmond, Charles Parrish

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the September 06, 2012 meeting were approved.

Dan Isaksen of the Mathematics Department presented changes to the department's graduate programs. The proposed changes to the MA degrees in Applied Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics were approved, as were the changes to the PhD program, while the approval of the new MS degree was tabled until the November meeting.

Robert Aguirre spoke of the college's computer replacement policy and the dean's suggestion to replace the current policy with the creation of research accounts. The college would deposit approximately a thousand dollars into each faculty member's account each year, money that could be used for research-related needs: computers, travel, and so on. Such a policy, Aguirre said, would better accommodate the differing research needs in the college.

The college's teaching portfolio policy was again discussed. Mark Ferguson presented, in the form of motions, revisions to the document discussed on September 6. Three of these passed, one failed, and one was not voted on.

Nominations to the Article XXX committees were sought.

Mark Ferguson presented changes to the college bylaws. Rather than vote on them, it was agreed that a subcommittee—Mark Ferguson and Avis Vidal—would look at the bylaws and report back in November.

John Klein spoke of a case of a Mathematics student being misadvised by the University Advising Center. Robert Aguirre noted that the college is working on a “serious upgrading” of advising, one intended to get students on track sooner and to minimize the potential for such misadvising.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.