

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
November 06, 2014

Members Present: Avis Vidal, Mark Ferguson, Ed Golenberg, Krista Brumley, Charles Parrish, Larry Lombard, Lisa Maruca, Jennifer Wareham, Caroline Morgan, Barry Lyons, John Klein, Geoffrey Nathan, Yifan Zhang

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Robert Aguirre, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Christine Chow, Peter Hoffmann, Melba Boyd, Ollie Johnson, Catherine Barrette

Absent With Notice: Michael Belzer, Claudio Verani, Anne Duggan, Danielle McGuire, Elizabeth Faue

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

The minutes of the October 02, 2014 meeting were approved.

Mark Ferguson announced that he and Geoff Nathan are among those serving on a committee looking into improving the Travel Wayne system. Ferguson repeated the call, made by Nathan at a previous Faculty Council meeting, for council members to e-mail complaints regarding the system to either him or Nathan.

Wayne Raskind noted that the frustrations with the system may have been exacerbated by the \$1,200 research accounts that the college has set up for faculty. Since these accounts have enabled faculty to travel more, they have also increased faculty interaction with the Travel Wayne system.

Melba Boyd and Ollie Johnson discussed the rationale behind the proposed change in the name of the Department of Africana Studies to the Department of African American Studies. Council unanimously approved the motion supporting the name change.

Mark Ferguson proposed that a committee be formed to study how students pursue double majors and minors at present in CLAS, as well as to recommend how the college can better facilitate such academic opportunities.

Catherin Barrette, Director of Assessment in the Provost's Office, delivered a presentation on assessment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.