

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
December 04, 2014

Members Present: Avis Vidal, Mark Ferguson, Ed Golenberg, Krista Brumley, Charles Parrish, Larry Lombard, Jennifer Wareham, Caroline Morgan, Barry Lyons, John Klein, Elizabeth Faue, Geoffrey Nathan, Yifan Zhang, Michael Belzer, Claudio Verani, Anne Duggan, Danielle McGuire

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Donald Haase, Robert Aguirre, Christine Chow

Absent With Notice: Lisa Maruca

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

The minutes of the November 06, 2014 meeting were approved.

Robert Aguirre gave a presentation on CLAS Advising and Retention Efforts since Fall 2012.

A motion by Michael Belzer stating that "Students are required to declare a major no later than the completion of 45 credit hours" was unanimously approved by Faculty Council.

Discussion followed about the benefits and importance of majoring early. It was also noted that departments with few majors nevertheless provide an important service to students majoring in other departments.

Dean Raskind announced that work on a CLAS Strategic Plan would begin in Winter 2015, and that the CLAS Faculty Research Support Program would continue this year, albeit with some modifications.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32.