

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
October 5, 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, Brad Roth, Boris Baltes

Attending: Robin Boyle, Jeff Horner, Robert Thomas, Don Spinelli, Dave Njus, Caroline Brzuchowski, Carmen Albert, Paul Clemens

Absent With Notice: Roz Schindler

Absent Without Notice: None.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

The minutes of the September 7, 2006 meeting were approved.

The Urban Studies major proposal was discussed, with Robin Boyle, Jeff Horner, and Avis Vidal of GUP fielding questions. Most of the discussion centered on the content of the proposed major's methods course; in particular, on how the study of statistics would, or could, or should be included in such a course. A motion was passed for the Urban Studies Advisory Committee to look at the methods course with the statistics component. Bob Thomas said that, after the Advisory Committee had discussed matters further, he'd ask them to attend a Faculty Council meeting. Noting how long this proposal has been under review, the dean said that by the end of the term we should have a definitive decision regarding the major in Urban Studies.

Another request was made for comments and suggestions regarding the CLAS Strategic Plan. Paul Clemens said that he'd take the comments and rework the plan accordingly.

Suggestions were made to amend the College Bylaws, which the dean had asked council to review. Larry Lombard suggested listing in the bylaws the four divisions within the college, along with the departments belonging to each. Avis Vidal suggested adding an "Elections" section to the bylaws, in which the workings of the Elections Committee might be spelled out.

Bob Reynolds reported the results of the college review committee election, which was criticized for being run as if it were an at-large election. A motion passed to redo the election, this time making clear the divisions in the college.

Because the meeting ran long and members were beginning to leave, it was decided to postpone the discussion of the remaining agenda items—in particular, a likely lengthy discussion of Merit/Salary issues—until the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned a little after 11:30.