

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences—Faculty Council Meeting
February 02, 2017

Members Present: Tausha Beardsley, Brad Smith, Charles Parrish, Ed Golenberg, Avis Vidal, Larry Lombard, Claudio Verani, Lisa Maruca, Lara Jones, Lisa Ze-Winters, Victor Figueroa

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Heather Dillaway, Peter Hoffmann, Ratna Naik, Caroline Brzuchowski, Paul Clemens, Tom Fischer, Monica Brockmeyer, Boris Baltes, Mari Vaydik

Absent With Notice: John Santalucia, John Klein, Kevin Cotter, Kyu-Nahm Jun, Barry Lyons, Zachary Brewster, Aaron Retish

The meeting was called to order at 9:10.

The minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

Wayne Raskind spoke of the recent immigration order and the college's response to it.

Psychology Chair Boris Baltes spoke of the changes to the names of the doctoral concentrations in Psychology. The department requested that the concentrations, four at present, become five. The changes were approved.

Mari Vaydik, the new CLAS director of philanthropy, introduced herself and spoke of the college's successful efforts in the Pivotal Moments campaign.

Tom Fischer and Monica Brockmeyer spoke to the council about the proposed changes to General Education. Charles Parrish asked how the proposal would be paid for and when discussion of the financial implications would take place. Ed Golenberg asked about the community engagement aspect of the new plan. As WSU is a university largely populated by students from the surrounding area, it was his feeling that we are already engaged with the community. Claudio Verani asked about students completing the new Gen Ed at a community college. Since students do that already with the current Gen Ed, Brockmeyer didn't see that any changes to Gen Ed would alter that dynamic much. Larry Lombard questioned the desire to make Gen Ed "distinctive," noting that such attempts work against the idea of Gen Ed being general.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.