

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES—FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4, 2017

Members Present: Claudio Verani, Lara Jones, John Santalucia, Avis Vidal, Tausha Beardsley, Brad Smith, Charles Parrish, Larry Lombard, Lisa Maruca, Lisa Ze-Winters, Victor Figueroa, John Klein, Kevin Cotter, Barry Lyons, Zachary Brewster

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Heather Dillaway, Ratna Naik, Robert Aguirre, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Darin Ellis

Absent With Notice: Ed Golenberg, Kyu-Nahm Jun, Aaron Retish

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

The minutes of the April 06, 2017 meeting were approved.

Wayne Raskind spoke of the upcoming Heart Walk and encouraged participation.

Raskind also spoke of the college's recent budget meetings. The college had to submit plans for various budget scenarios, increases as well as decreases. With an increase, Raskind said, he'd propose hiring advisors to help the college retain struggling students, since it is the decrease in continuing students that accounts for most of the college's recent enrollment drop.

There were questions about which students are struggling, and why, and how we might best help them. Lisa Maruca asked if there were data on the success of the APEX program. John Klein said he'd never seen any predictive data relating to graduation rates based on ACT score and high school GPA. Charles Parrish pointed to the success Athletics has in graduating students and suggested that the university as a whole more closely mirror its advising practices.

Darin Ellis spoke of the re-launch of the General Education revision process. The previous series of proposals was deemed overly complicated and difficult to implement. Ellis said that the current proposal is a distillation of the existing Gen Ed requirements and is modeled on the Michigan Transfer Agreement. At present, there are 14 requirements that total 43-46 credits. The proposed revisions would reduce that to 10 requirements and 32 credits.

There were questions about the process for approval and the timeline for implementation, neither of which, Ellis said, had a clear answer at the moment.

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Claudio Verani announced that the next meeting of council would be on September 7.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20.