

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES—FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

Members Present: Larry Lombard, Charles Parrish, Lara Jones, Avis Vidal, Bradley Smith, John Klein, Leisa Kauffmann, Zachary Brewster, Victor Figueroa, Thomas Killion, Smiti Gupta, Yifan Zhang, Liette Gidlow, Fatih Celiker

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Claudio Verani, Heather Dillaway, Ratna Naik, Ken Jackson, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski

Absent with Notice: Karen Marrero, Yuson Jung, John Santalucia

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

Bradley Smith was elected Faculty Council Secretary for 2018-19.

The minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting were approved.

Ratna Naik spoke of the Article XXX nominations, due to the Provost's Office at the beginning of October.

Caroline Brzuchowski spoke of the college elections in the spring and the need to strategize about nominations.

Heather Dillaway spoke of the need to have four members on the College Curriculum Committee. Larry Lombard, Lara Jones, and David Merolla all served last year and expressed willingness to serve again. Charles Parrish moved to have those members reappointed. The motion passed. Victor Figueroa, who self-nominated, will also serve on the committee.

Heather Dillaway noted that CLAS advisors had asked if an advisor could serve on the Curriculum Committee. There was a motion to accept an advisor on the Curriculum Committee, with the member to be elected by the advisors themselves. The motion passed.

Heather Dillaway led a discussion of the CLAS rule that a student's final thirty credits must be taken at WSU. The university rule says only that a student must take thirty credits at WSU. CLAS is the sole college with an additional rule related to the timing of those credits, and Dillaway noted that it is frequently waived.

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Paul Clemens added that the need for the waiver is often not for academic but rather bureaucratic reasons—for instance, a student's submitting old transfer credit long after the fact, which can make it appear as if the thirty-credit hour residency rule is being broken when in fact it is not.

Charles Parrish moved to have the matter referred to the Curriculum Committee. The motion passed.

Charles Parrish followed up on John Klein's objection at the May meeting to the thematic hiring initiative from the Provost's Office. Parrish noted that factors for promotion and tenure are departmental, which could pose problems for hires across three colleges.

Avis Vidal asked for the dean's perspective. Dean Hartwell acknowledged that there are issues to be resolved—which department is the lead department? who is on the search committee? who places the ad?—but stressed that the college needs to make this work. Brad Smith asked that the dean keep council apprised.

Claudio Verani announced the September 11 proposal writing seminar, to be run by Arthur Marotti, for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Dean Hartwell said that a goal of hers is enhancing grant funding and support for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55.