

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences—Faculty Council Meeting
September 08, 2016

Members Present: David Merolla, Kevin Cotter, Claudio Verani, Ashis Mukhopadhyay, Lisa Maruca, Charles Parrish, Tausha Beardsley, Ed Golenberg, Lara Jones, Zachary Brewster, Avis Vidal, John Santalucia, Victor Figueroa, Aaron Retish, Brad Smith

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Robert Aguirre, Heather Dillaway, Peter Hoffmann, Ratna Naik, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Lisa Dobbs, Keith Whitfield

Absent With Notice: Larry Lombard, Barry Lyons, John Klein

The meeting was called to order at 1:05.

The minutes of the May 04, 2016 meeting were approved.

Claudio Verani was re-elected as Faculty Council Secretary.

Larry Lombard, David Merolla, John Santalucia, and Lara Jones were elected to serve on the Curriculum Committee.

Robert Aguirre discussed the maximum number of credits a student in CLAS can go without declaring a major, which is currently 45 credits. He asked that the limit be lowered to 30 credits, which would help the college to continue to reduce the number of its undecided students. The council approved this change.

Aguirre also discussed restrictions on credit, including the restriction on professional credits that the council had recently voted to increase from 16 to 30 in order to ease the path for students seeking minors and double majors. The dean's office proposed—as had the college advising staff—that the restrictions on both professional courses and specialized courses be removed altogether. The council approved this change.

Provost Keith Whitfield, who began in June, introduced himself to the council and took questions. Charles Parrish asked about the General Education revisions, which Whitfield said were at least a couple of years away from being implemented. Parrish expressed concern that the structural implications of what was being proposed were not taken into account. Ed Golenberg asked about enrollment and recruitment, and Whitfield said that he'd like to see Wayne State broaden its geographic recruitment area, with the goal of getting back to thirty thousand students.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35.