

College of Arts and Sciences
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Minutes of the semestrial Faculty meeting
15 April 2004
4:00 p.m.
City Union

The meeting was called to order by the Dean of the College, Richard Hoffmann, at 4:01 p.m.

The first item of business, to approve the minutes of the fall Faculty Meeting (11 December 2003), passed without comment.

The second item, opening comments, was deferred to the end of the meeting.

The third item, faculty questions arising from annual reports of the various College committees (for which see Appendix to the Agenda of the meeting), prompted no response.

Items IV through IX, all recommendations from the College Curriculum Committee on matters of ES and IS requirements, and major and minor changes in some departmental programs, were presented by Professor David Watkins for approval. All these items passed without objection.

Item X, discussion on the IS/ES Reform and the Transition to the University Task Force Report, ensued. Dean Hoffman indicated that the Senate wants larger campus-wide discussion of the IS/ES matter, and that its facilitation is now in Dean Rita Kean's office. Luncheons involving the Chairs and Directors and the Curriculum Committee have taken place. Because the College of Arts and Sciences draws together representation from various disciplines, including General Education, Dean Hoffmann does not want the College to dismiss the Faculty Senate Report.

The Faculty Senate Report is presented for all-or-none adoption. Approval by all colleges would be necessary for campus adoption. Dean Hoffman advocates that Arts and Sciences take a lead next year, at least in assessment, for the campus-wide discussion. Next year there will be a larger discussion of what we are trying to do.

One last announcement regarded Associate Dean Vanessa Gorman's stepping down from her position in the Dean's office. The Dean urged on the faculty serious consideration for applying to the vacant spot.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.