

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY MEETING
December 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:47 by Steve Goddard

Item 1: *Approval of minutes from Spring Faculty meeting of April 10, 2013.*

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lloyd Ambrosius and was seconded by Dawn Braithwaite. Approved unanimously.

Item II. *Opening comments*

Appointment of Parliamentarian: Lloyd Ambrosius was appointed as parliamentarian.

Election of Faculty Secretary: Debbie Minter nominated Tom Lynch as faculty secretary. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Item III. *Recommendation from CCAC to approve changes to major and minor in Communication Studies*

Lisa Kort Butler summarized the proposed changes to the Communication studies major. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item IV. *Recommendation from CCAC to approve changes to major and minor in Great Plains Studies*

Lisa Kort Butler summarized the proposed changes to the Great Plains Studies major and minor. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item V. Recommendation from CCAC to approve changes to major in Political Science

Lisa Kort Butler summarized the proposed changes to the major in Political Science. Marco Abel asked the Political Science faculty about why the changes were proposed, in particular why political theory was being removed as a requirement.

Kevin Smith and Beth Theiss-Morse replied that the department only had one theorist but that students would still be required to take the theory class.

Theory was, however, being removed as a subfield. The proposed changes to the major in Political Science were then unanimously approved.

Debbie Minter explained about the new look of the curriculum changes that are now entered in CREC rather than submitted via paper. This makes proposed changes much easier to read and manage.

Item VI. *Opportunity to ask questions of the interim dean.*

Steve Burnett asked about whether Chancellor Perlman has provided a schedule for the upcoming apportionment interviews with faculty.

Dean Goddard replied that no schedule had been provided, but that the meetings should be arranged by departments based on their culture and size. Some faculty members might request an interview to discuss their reapportionment. Dean Goddard suggested it was a good idea to address the topic during the annual performance evaluation. All faculty contribute value, he noted, but not all work to their strengths. Just because they were apportioned when hired, that doesn't mean they might not want to reassess the apportionment. However he did not think this needed to be done on a tight deadline.

Dave Berkowitz asked if faculty could contact Dean Goddard should a problem or faculty objection arise regarding the reapportionment process. Dean Goddard replied that there is a process defined between the faculty member and his or her chair regarding apportionment, and an appeals process, as well as the Promotion and Tenure committee. The goal of the dean is to be helpful and to facilitate the process.

Lloyd Ambrosius asked about the schedule for the appointment of a new dean for the College of A & S. Dean Goddard replied that everything takes longer than we'd think. The process will be to look at packets in January. Then candidates will be identified and screened shortly thereafter. A short list of finalists will be developed followed by campus visits. The visits will probably occur in February, perhaps March. A new dean should be hired by mid-July. He has no information on the pool. The hiring committee is still collecting names of potential candidates. Faculty have nominated some of the candidates, and he thinks it's likely the next dean is already known to some of our faculty.

Dave Berkowitz asked about the time frame for the Signature Program Initiative. Dean Goddard replied that the system for proposals has already been established as of Monday, Dec. 9. Some proposals are beginning to arrive. The deadline for decisions will be set by Academic Affairs, probably meeting with the dean's council. But no meeting is scheduled until Jan. There will probably be no word for another month. If any new positions are approved based on this process, they likely won't be filled until next year due to the lateness in the hiring calendar. Academic Affairs notes that new positions are not well matched with student enrollment, but the money situation is tight.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Lynch
Faculty Secretary