

Minutes from the Spring Faculty Meeting
College of Arts and Sciences
April 17, 2009

Dean Manderscheid called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm

Item I. Approval of minutes from fall faculty meeting, December 4, 2008.

Joe Mendola motioned to approve. Marshall Olds seconds. Motion passes with voice vote.

Item II. Opening comments from Dean Manderscheid.

Item III. Opportunity to ask questions regarding Annual College Committee reports.

No questions were asked.

Glen Ledger, chair of the College Curriculum Committee, took the podium for Items IV-V.

Item IV. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve the proposed new minor in Plant Biology.

Motion passed with voice vote.

Item V. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve proposed changes in the Psychology major and minor.

Motion passed with voice vote.

Item VI. Dean Manderscheid presented an update on the College budget. He said that the Nebraska Legislature is still debating budget proposals and waiting upon state revenue forecasts due to come out next week. He said that many variables are still unknown—the percentage of aid for the University, possible tuition increases, revenue forecasts—to determine whether there will be salary increases this year, and that the College will probably not have a clear budget picture until the end of May or mid-June.

Item VII. Opportunity to ask questions of the Dean

Dean Manderscheid noted that the search for a new associate dean is underway to replace Jessica Coope, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, who is returning to the History Department at the end of the summer. All applauded her work in the dean's office.

Tony Starace asked about plans for seeking stimulus funding. Greg Snow, Associate Dean for Research, took the podium and explained different approaches that federal agencies (NIH, NSF, etc.) are taking toward stimulus fund applications.

Adjourned at 4:20 pm