

College of Arts & Sciences  
Faculty spring meeting  
April 24, 2014

3:15: meeting called to order

Item I. *Approval of minutes from the Fall Faculty Meeting, Dec. 12, 2013.*

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lloyd Ambrosius and seconded by Dan Hoyt. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Item II. *Opening comments.*

Dean Goddard thanked everyone for participating on the various College committees, etc.

Item III. *Opportunity for faculty to ask questions arising from annual reports of the various college committees.*

- Executive Committee
- Promotions and Tenure Committee
- Committee on Student Academic Distinction, Awards, and Appeals
- Curriculum and Advising Committee
- Faculty Instructional Development Committee
- Assessment Committee
- Endowed/College Professorships Committee

No questions or concerns were raised.

Item IV. *Recommendation from the College Curriculum and Advising Committee to approve the proposed changes to the course restrictions list.*

Lisa Kort-Butler presented on the changes to the course restriction list. Debbie Minter provided additional input.

The changes were approved unanimously

Item V. *Recommendation from the College Curriculum and Advising Committee to approve the new Arabic Minor.*

Lisa Kort-Butler summarized the proposal for a new minor in Arabic. She noted that lots of students have reported interest.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

Item VI. *Recommendation from the College Curriculum and Advising Committee to approve the proposed title change for the Global Security Studies minor.*

Lisa Kort-Butler present information on the proposed name change of the Global Securities Studies minor to National Security Studies. There was no discussion.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

Item VII. *Recommendation from the College Curriculum and Advising Committee to approve the proposed changes to the French major and minor.*

Lisa Kort-Butler presented on the proposed change to the French major and minor. No discussion.

The proposal was approved unanimously

Item VIII. *Recommendation from the College Curriculum and Advising Committee to approve the proposed changes to the Japanese minor.*

Lisa Kort-Butler presented on the proposed changes to the Japanese minor. No discussion.

The proposal was approved unanimously

Item IX. *Recommendation from the College Curriculum and Advising Committee to approve the proposed changes to the Spanish major and minor.*

Lisa Kort-Butler presented on the proposed changes to the Spanish major and minor. She noted that these changes will make it easier for students to navigate the program.

Debbie Minter noted that the Spanish dept. is interested in supporting students who are interested in translation and the proposed changes are in part designed to do so.

The proposal was approved unanimously

Item X. *Opportunity to ask questions of the Dean.*

Lloyd Ambrosius asked about the timeline for the appointment of a new dean. Dean Goddard said he didn't know, but that he returns to his position as Chair of Computer Science and Engineering on July 1.

Dean Goddard noted that an offer has been made to Joe Francisco, but no news was available at this time regarding the negotiations. He noted that we've all heard rumors of deadlines, which he suspects means we should assume we are near a deadline. Dean Goddard thinks Francisco will accept and feels that the announcement could come at any time. Dean Goddard notes that he has been cheering for the appointment of a new dean, though he has enjoyed his service. But being in a transition period is difficult.

Susan Belasco asked where we are in the Chancellor's proposed budget reduction plan? Dean Goddard said the item was on the Academic Planning Committee agenda. He noted that the APC had previously voted 8-6 against accepting the Chancellor's proposal to cut faculty salaries. This vote is simply a recommendation to the Chancellor, nevertheless the vote will likely create delays in the making of a final decision, although the outcome may be the same. The College of Arts and Sciences has opened up the merit review website and proposed that there will be 1% to allocate, with 1/4% for a college pool to allocate for raises. Final word will likely come later. The Chancellor will seek input from dept. chairs. The final raises likely will not be lower than those originally proposed, and may be higher. Dean Goddard notes it is best to be cautious at this time.

Dan Hoyt made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Debbie Minter.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Lynch  
Faculty Secretary