

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

PRESENT: James Cavendish, John Cochran, Eric Eisenberg, Julie Harmon, Richard Manning, Adriana Novoa, Christine Probes, Kristina Schmidt, Sharon Johnson-Hamilton, Mary Sweely

ABSENT: Catherine Beneteau(Sabbatical Leave), Michelle Bombaugh, Joseph DeSalvo, Cheryl Kirstein, Kelly Page Werder, Robert Potter, Philip Reeder, Sandy Schneider (Professional Leave), Hari Srikanth

- I. Meeting called to order.
Welcome to Dr. Julie Harmon, one of our new council members.
- II. Minutes of the September 2nd meeting were approved with a couple of corrections. They are as follows: VII. Capitalize the m in Dr. Manning. IX. Change Dr's Beneteau & Werder to Drs.
- III. Meeting dates for fall were scheduled as follows: the 3rd Monday of the month-and a meeting prior to the Fall Assembly on December 2nd. The time was set at 1:45-3:15pm for the meetings and noon for the meeting prior to the Assembly.
- IV. Fall Assembly will be held on December 2nd in CHE 111 @ 1pm. Reception will follow in the new ISA second floor lobby. Provost Wilcox to be guest speaker. Will ask Dr. Holbrook to speak at the Spring Assembly.
- V. Sharon Johnson-Hamilton joined the council to finalize the standing committee appointments for 2011-2012. They are as follows:
Faculty Development Committee: Due to the fact that Debra Slone resigned, Rebecca Zarger will replace her. Meena Chary was appointed as the alternate by the council
Faculty Development Committee (1 staff needed): Darlene Corcoran/Philosophy was nominated and appointed by the council.
Computer Committee (2 grads & 1 undergrad student needed): Chris Lauderdale – Graduate/ Sociology, Gregory Churchill - Graduate-Math/Stats, Ryan Arredondo - Undergrad/Math-Stats- were appointed to this committee.
Diversity Committee (1 grad & 1 Undergrad): Morgan Sanchez-Grad/Sociology and Maja Milosevic – Undergrad/Math. Stats were appointed to this committee.
Grievance Committee (5 Undergrad): Brandon Tirado/Biology, Jackie Pietrucha/Psychology, Autumn Florimbio/Psychology, Chandler Duggar/History, Rosnata Eugene/Sociology were appointed.
Library Committee-(1 grad, 1 undergrad): Emre Keskin-Grad/Philosophy & Jamie Sprecher-undergrad/Math/Stats were appointed.

- VI. Dean's remarks-Dean Eisenberg suggested the council let him know what they would like for him to talk about at the Assembly. This will be put on the agenda for next week-issues of most importance to the faculty. Maybe a top ten questions and the Dean will answer. A suggestion of sending out an e-mail requesting questions from the faculty.
- Dr. Eisenberg commented on the EWAS guest speaker-Phil Motta-said it was a great lecture regarding shark research, especially with the undergraduate student's involvement.
- Dean Eisenberg spoke about our Trail Blazer-Frontier Forum presented by Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Faculty. The next event will be the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new ISA Building and an evening with Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee.
- The Dean commented that he had just come from the Council of Dean's Meeting and a lot of talk was about the concern over national and state politics. He mentioned that it appears that the Pell grant going away and spoke of the impact it would have on students. Issues concerning USF Polytech withdrawing from the University System were discussed.
- A discussion of where tuition money should go followed. The dean noted that Ohio State gives money to each college and then it is taxed back.
- The dean also floated the idea of the College's instituting a summer program, like that at Brown University, for high school students that lasts for 2-4 weeks.
- Dr. Eisenberg stated that the Dean of University College was checking into how much our Graduate students owe. Dr. Probes wanted to know about Grad enrollments. Dr. Eisenberg stated that GR1s was still low but that we had an increase in GR2s.
- VII. External letter policy- As requested from our last meeting, members of the council were asked to poll their faculty. Dr. Manning read an e-mail from Dr. DeSalvo (Economics) on this issue since he was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Cochran handed out the corrected sheet to the External Reviewers.
- After a lengthy discussion among the council members regarding this issue, it was decided that Dr. Cochran would send out an e-mail to the Chairs soliciting their input and experience of soliciting these letters. Some of the input may be regarding, comparable success rate between candidates signing and not signing the waiver. In order to get more information on this issue Dr. Cavendish will check out the Chronicles of Higher Education. Dr. Manning to check with his contact at the University of Florida for their input.
- Dr. Manning asked that the members of the council think of ways to get information on this subject and ways to track it. Dr. Manning asked that he be e-mailed with this information prior to our next meeting.
- VIII. Central Scheduling and Classroom issues: Dr. Manning will e-mail the Chairs and directors regarding these issues, he will collect this info for the meeting.
- IX. Council outreach to faculty tabled at this time.
- X. Writing Center-This was a main topic of last year. The center is underfunded. Students need help. A suggestion of a Foundation Gift strictly for the writing center was discussed. Dr. Eisenberg was asked to poll faculty regarding the writing center funding support. This needs to be made a priority. On this issue, Dr. Probes asked what happened to Dr. Hawkins' proposal to the Provost during our Town Hall Meeting. The dean remarked that the issue had been brought to the attention of upper administration, but that so far no action had been taken. He

suggested that some expression of will on the part of CAS faculty that something needs to be done to improve the writing center in order to foster student success might carry weight with the administration. He asked that we make an effort to elicit such an expression. Dr. Manning suggested designing a poll or a way of addressing the faculty to fully address the situation with the Writing Center. Dean Cochran mentioned the possibility of using something like Survey Monkey.

XI. There is no old business.

XII. New business-Dr. Cavendish brought up the Faculty Fellows Program which could be used in our Student Success. He thinks this could be used in helping students with their course work. This could be used as teaching enhancement program where the student could discuss classes with the supervisor. Discussion of the different types of models for this program was brought up; Dr. Eisenberg to get in touch with person who handles this program and have them get in touch with Dr. Cavendish about coming to talk with the council.

XIII. Meeting Adjourned