ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS’ MEETING MINUTES
2/20/06


The meeting was called to order a 1:00 p.m. by M. Prus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Conversations in the Disciplines -- proposals are available
- Personnel Policy revisions to the Faculty Affairs Committee
  The Faculty Affairs Committee has requested that departments review personnel policies and send those policies to the Committee.
- Faculty Senate Vacancies
  There are seven Arts and Sciences vacancies on the Faculty Senate. Two of them have been filled. Five seats are still open and one new seat has been created on the Faculty Affairs Committee. There is one at large seat on EPC. Two seats for fine arts and history are open on the Committee on Committees. In addition, there are four vacancies for social and behavioral sciences.
- Academic Grievance Tribunal -- Arts and Sciences representatives are needed for this group.
- Black History Month – 10 departments are participating in these events.
- The Scholars Day Committee met. D. Veccio will be the keynote speaker. Programs are coming along well. The 10th annual Scholars Day will be held on April 19.
- The Academic Hall of Fame has decided on nine inductees. There may be three more added to the total.
- A summit will be held in April to discuss SUNY and Turkey. Seventy people are expected to attend.
- According to the Vice President of Finance, an $825.00 raise is coming on Wednesday (10 days)

Associate Dean’s Report

- Alpha Delta Scholarship -- deadline coming up soon.
- Chancellor’s Awards for Students -- deadline coming up.
- K. Hunt will be leaving the Field Placement Office in March; a search committee will be formed.

Personnel

- Political Science has completed two searches
- Economics has two searches that have not been completed.
- Sociology has filled one position and still has one to complete.
• Art is still in the process of completing their search.
• Biology is looking for a visiting lecturer by using a group ad. A national search will be held next year.
• Chemistry has three candidates visiting in the next few weeks. They have two positions available.
• Adolescence Science has 12+ applications. They have just begun their search.
• Psychology has one candidate and three offers already.
• Physics has 40 applications.
• History has made an offer to their Toronto candidate.
• About Travel and reimbursement for candidates -- This topic is on the Provost Council Agenda.

Facilities
• Brockway will be back on line next month. However, the actual move will be made in May.
• Cornish/VH Renovation
• Call for alteration requests – 33 were reviewed and 12 have been funded. Four of those are from Arts and Sciences.
  • Renovation to the Music Listening Library.
  • Card Access to Old Main.
  • Dowd basement classrooms
  • Lab space in OM
• S. Gutman reminded the group that there is no ventilation in the interior rooms in Old Main. An issue that needs to be resolved.
• Many other projects will be funded.

Budget
• The money for Bowers is in limbo.
• SUNY Day at Albany will be held on 3/7/06. The event for part-timers will be held on 3/14/06.

Curriculum
• The proposal regarding the NC option must be to EPC by 2/27/06.

Respectfully submitted,
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