

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1/28/08

Members Present: M. Prus, K. Alwes, S. Anderson, S. Asumah, G. Bhat, C. Cirimo, R. Darling, L. Ellis, L. Gatto, R. Kendrick, M. King, B. Mattingly, J. O'Callaghan, T. Phillips, R. Ponterio, K. Russell, S. Steadman, H. Steck, P. van der Veur, R. Wheeler, K. Zimmerman

Guests: M. Nagel for K. Russell

Announcements

- From Glen Clarke - Faculty Research Program deadline 2/4 to Dean.
- Conversation in the Disciplines -- applications are online
- Office of Judicial Affairs is looking for justices (staff, faculty and students)
- Dean's Openings at New Paltz and College of St. Rose
- Black History Month sandwich seminars coming up, each Wed, Thurs, in February
- Town Hall meeting in February on Race and Gender and the Politics of Change
- Provost's open meeting coming on 2/1, topic of writing across the curriculum, including some specific proposals on WI and CPN
- Brooks Lecture: 2/21, Dr. Cirimo is the guest speaker
- Ed Moore - faculty recital coming up soon
- Provost will meet with selected chairs and graduate coordinators re compensation structure
- VPSA candidates will be on campus soon
- Campus has an agreement with a university in Azerbaijan -- expect to see visitors and students on campus
- Visiting Chinese scholar from CNU is working in ICC, with an interest in meeting faculty in ANT, HIS, and AAS
- Provost Search is underway, approximately 45 applicants, and phone interviews coming soon

Associate Dean's Report

- Alpha Delta letter will come out shortly and, after add/drop, a run of the top 10% will be sent to departments

Facilities

- Renovation of windows in OM continued in January, significant progress made. Process will be renewed in summer, and may finish by fall.
- Expect no summer classes in OM or in Moffett. Moffett will be closed and unoccupied for the summer.
- Progress being made re renovation of Bowers, contract approved. Programming phase is next, then design phase.
- Call for Alterations has been funded (approx. \$180,000).

- Progress on School of Education building, however loss of classrooms has tightened room availability for future schedules.

Personnel

- Ongoing searches
- BIO – one hire in place and one search in progress
- CHE – three searches – 4 candidates seen in January. Search for chair is ongoing
- COM – two finalists
- ENG – two searches – applications are coming in
- HIS – candidates coming soon
- MAT – 114 applications, 2 finalists
- PHY – 89 applications on hand
- ART - hired gallery director and NMD search in progress
- ENG - two positions, at least 100 applications for each

Reminder from the Dean -- it is necessary to do all 3 levels of reference checks before offers are made.

Other searches: Associate Director of Institutional Research, Director of Clark Center, Director of Residence Life.

Budget

- Expected deficit in A&S is \$600,000, however that will be offset by other funds. The temp service budget was unusually high, due to the presence of approx. 12 visiting professors
- Carl Hayden, Chair of SUNY's Board of Trustees was on campus last week. Discussed highlights of the Governor's proposal. Note that it is clear tuition will not be raised for 08-09. Moratorium on new fees is in place. Expect a 2.5% cut for "operating efficiency". Reasonable to expect no new faculty positions in the next year.

Strategic Plan

- ~ Example of strategic plan from Biological Sciences was discussed. The plan had been presented to Academic Affairs in the fall and well received. Suggested that the next department to present should add some basic data on the department as an FYI in the plan. Discussion continued on whether the process of producing and presenting the plan was more work and/or opportunity.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerome O'Callaghan