

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/19/07

Members Present: M. Prus, K. Alwes, S. Asumah, C. Cirmo, L. Ellis, L. Gatto, S. Gutman, N. Helsper, R. Kendrick, M. King, B. Mattingly, D. Miller, T. Pasquarello, T. Phillips, K. Russell, S. Steadman, H. Steck, P. van der Veur, R. Wheeler, K. Zimmerman, A. Zipp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The nominations for the Millennials Initiative Awards Program are due in the President's Office on Friday, May 11, 2007.

J. Barry has issued a call for committee nominations. There are 40 committee vacancies, 12 of them are in Arts and Sciences.

There was a peace demonstration on the steps of Corey Union. It was small, but successful. The President attended the event.

There is a preview Thursday night of a "Little Night Music". Public performances will be held this weekend and next weekend. Tickets are on sale at Jody's Hallmark.

Meeting will be held on April 5 at 7:30 pm in Jacobus Lounge to discuss the future of Iraq.

The next Brookes Lecture will be held on Wednesday, March 21.

On April 4 an economist from Macedonia will present a Sandwich Seminar at 12:30 pm in Jacobus Lounge.

The Gospel Choir will be touring Europe April 4 through April 11.

In honor of Women's History Month, E. Frazer will narrate a panel on the subject of women and war at noon tomorrow.

Associate Dean's Report

M. King and R. Kendrick will attend EPC meeting on defining concentrations.

Facilities

Old Main – measurements are being taken in preparation for the replacement of window sashes. A private company will make the windows. The frames will remain and new glass will be installed in the existing frames.

Budget

W. Schaut will have a conference call with all financial people across SUNY. The outlook for the budget is fairly optimistic and it looks like negotiated increases will be covered – OPTS has increased.

VP Schaut said that if Academic Affairs did not spend any more funds until the rest of this year, they would barely finish in the black in June.

Curriculum

No report

Personnel

Math

Two new hires – M. Gefelli and D. Pitman

A third search is underway following C. Bell's resignation.

Geography

W. Miller has been hired for next year to work in the GIS area.

Economics

Searches are on hold.

Failed Searches

Biology, English, Communications, History

There are 27 reappointment and appointment decisions to be made.

Strategic Planning

An abbreviated strategic plan for academic affairs was sent to the chairs after the last meeting. M. Prus is not sure how much revision will be accepted by academic affairs.

He asked for ideas for revisions for the strategic plan. In regard to including Goal 6, the chairs voted **NO**, but did agree to fold some international parts of Goal 6 into Goal 3.

Goal 5 – a sub goal of supporting and establishing a goal for excellence – keep R.

Kendrick's center in Goal 5 – faculty and civic engagement.

Goal 5 – stated as the President's goal.

Goal 1 – restore and increase tenure track faculty teaching a 3 + 3 load - faculty as a sub goal I under Goal 1.

International issue – H. Steck will send his comments to M. Prus.

Question: Why President's goals and other goals?

Provost's cabinet developed 6 goals at their retreat and then the President gave his goals. The long-range planning committee was in a state of transition so the plans were not long range. The plan was shortened to three years – not a long range plan. The nature of the

procedures have been changed (Faculty Senate – M. King). The long range plan assignment – comment on strategic plan for academic affairs to try to pare down the plan to a reasonable size. The original plan contained 30 sub goals with 5 to 6 action items for each. It was impossible to set goals from this since it was too cumbersome. It needs to be pared down and decisions made about what's important for arts and sciences.

Consensus

Goal 1 – to hire more full-time faculty, increase academic excellence.

Sub goal – base hiring on full-time faculty/student ratio

Now the statement needs to be defined.

The chairs agreed that a discussion needs to take place on how to make sure the goals are met. They also discussed the issue of budget allocations that are controlled by SUNY.

On Wednesday, March 21, there will be a Sandwich Seminar to discuss the draft of the Middle States Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jerome O'Callaghan & Linda Simmons