

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4/3/06

Members Present: M. Prus, K. Alwes, M. Anderson, S. Asumah, L. Gatto, S. Gutman, N. Helsper, D. Hollenback, R. Kendrick, B. Mattingly, C. McRoberts, D. Miller, A. Mooney, M. Nagel, J. O'Callaghan, T. Pasquarello, T. Phillips, H. Steck, K. Zimmerman, A. Zipp

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by M. Prus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fulbright speaker Hanzel will be on campus, Monday April 10.
- Fulbright speaker Mohamed will be on campus this week to speak at two events which focus on Malaysia.
- The *Mikado* will be presented.
- Scholars' Day will be held on Wednesday, April 19 in Old Main.
- Honors Convocation was held on Sunday, April 2. A card reader system was used. This reduced the duplication in reading of names.
- M. Prus – The Academic Hall of Fame nominees will be announced soon.
- Adam Coleman, a MAT major, scored in the top 9% of those taking part in a national math contest.

Associate Dean's Report

- There are 50+ graduation checklists outstanding.
- The suggestion to allow three final exams in a day is not popular and no policy change will be made. Pressure on keeping to a maximum of two exams per day will be significant this fall. This is a result of the change in the academic calendar that will allow for one less final exam day.
- The deadline is April 20 for any departments who intend to allow American Sign Language as a College requirement (F.L.) for their majors.
- The suggestion was made to the Associate Dean that students who seek overloads for fall should be required to acknowledge that they will likely face more than two final exams in a day as a result.

Budget

● State Budget

The budget was passed on time this year. However the Governor may use his veto power once he gets the budget. Included in the budget is \$20 million for Bowers.

● Arts and Sciences Budget

The school budget has been totally depleted for the school year. The History Department's budget will be in the deficit column again. The Biology Department needs to buy science equipment. M. Prus will include the S&E problem (based on data from chairs) in with a request for more faculty.

Curriculum

- General Education Proposal

The final amendments are being completed before going to the Faculty Senate. The referendum is likely to go to faculty before the end of the year.

Facilities

- The glass walls have been installed in the Old Main mezzanine.
- A Master Plan update meeting has been scheduled for April 17 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Moffett is still in the plans for Sociology/Anthropology. Individuals would like to know what the master plan is for Moffett.

Personnel

- Update on Searches

The Art Department has two candidates. The Chemistry Department has an adolescence education candidate coming to campus on April 4. The Physics and Sociology Departments are conducting ongoing searches.

C. Bacuta, Mathematics Department, has resigned.

- Inequity Analysis

M. Prus has completed an inequity analysis for President Bitterbaum.

Discussion Items

- Recommendations for DSI

President Bitterbaum would like to hear the reactions from departments to the Provost's Task Force Report on DSI. According to Dean Prus, only about 25% of the faculty never get merit DSI. About one-third receive over \$5,000 during their lifetimes.

The Provost's report regarding DSI – not clear that Arts and Sciences' problems are part of that agenda e.g. more clarity about the justification for awarding DSI. Another concern is that the service component will suffer if these changes are approved.

Is the President correct that the faculty (the majority) are dissatisfied with the current DSI structure? Possibility, but maybe not. Reminder that that current recommendations affect only the merit awards in DSI.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry O'Callaghan