

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
5/14/07

Members Present: K. Alwes, S. Asumah, C. McRoberts, L. Ellis, L. Gatto, S. Gutman, N. Helsper, M. King, B. Mattingly, D. Miller, J. O'Callaghan, T. Pasquarello, T. Phillips, K. Russell, S. Steadman, H. Steck, P. van der Veur, R. Wheeler, A. Zipp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Report is due to the Dean on 6/8.

The 5/16 survey deadline is coming up.

Commencement is Friday, 5/18 for graduate students and Saturday, 5/19 for undergraduates.

Course cancellation decisions will be made on 5/16.

New Dean of Education is Dr. G. Porter.

Deadline for purchases of \$20,000 or more– 5/21.
For lower amounts: 6/4.

ASSOCIATE DEAN'S REPORT

Reminder re catalog review deadlines. Concerns were expressed regarding the timing of the last round of Catalog Review -- overlap with finals is a problem. Also new catalog system is difficult, as only one course description is visible at a time. Also noted that catalog works better with some browsers than others.

Card access for Old Main will begin with one door (nearest ENG labs), possibly in fall. Which departments believe they might have students needing after-hours access? Art and Gry students identified as needing that access.

PERSONNEL

Four requests were made for tenure-track new lines in A&S – zero funded
Education – likewise, zero funded
Professional Studies – received 4 – Community Health – 1, Speech Pathology – 2,
International Sport Management – 1. All for new graduate programs

Searches -- update

Math – filled three positions

Economics – adjunct may become visiting

Chemistry – on going search for two visiting assistant professors

Physics – 1 visiting
Biology – one visiting just agreed on – 2nd one is still in process
ICC – 1 visiting lecturer
ART – 1 visiting lecturer
COM – one visiting lecturer
HIS – advent for 2 visiting assistant professors – neither position is filled
ENG – Advent for 1 visiting assistant professor

The Dean noted that all those positions are important to fill ASAP.
Regarding Full-Time Lecturer – A&S requested seven positions and got one position

Fall 2007 Issues:

1200 freshmen deposits for next year – too high by about 150.
-->More pressure on A & S.

Dean Prus offered this pledge:

The Dean will not come looking for more seats in sections.
The Dean will come looking for new sections but will understand if you cannot find them.

Other

The chair's council expressed its appreciation to three chairs who are stepping down this year:

S. Gutman - History
N. Helsper - ICC
D. Miller - Geography

BUDGET

Next year - \$350K extra – not all for Academic Affairs.
10 Visiting positions received for next year -- primarily to solve problems of unsuccessful searches, etc.

CURRICULUM

None

FACILITIES

Sperry is ahead of schedule
Staging for Old Main window replacements should start quickly

EXTERNAL REVIEW UPDATE

Three faculty members met with the President. Overall it appeared that it went well.

Also, Faculty Senate agreed to postpone external review issues until the fall. Given that development, President Bitterbaum was invited to the first meeting A&S chairs meeting of fall. He agreed -- however it may turn out to be a Joint Chairs' Council instead. The President seemed to be open to discussing the issue.

The President seems to adopt two positions:

- a) it's a good thing
- b) SUNY is pushing it

The President says he is pushing back.

The President said no faculty promotions or renewals are in trouble now on account of this issue.

Per the President: SUNY wants all four-year school to have it.

The President thinks external review has to be under faculty control. He acknowledged the process was too fast. We will have to balance all three schools' expectations.

Reminder- departments' may choose to use external review in any case right now.

Respectfully submitted

Jerome O'Callaghan

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