

## **Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council Meeting Minutes 2/27/12**

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Present: Bruce Mattingly, Margaret Anderson, Scott Anderson, Seth Asumah, Robert Darling, Peter Ducey, Lori Ellis, Christopher Gascon, Matthew Lessig, David Neal, Jerome O'Callaghan, Gregory Phelan, Kathryn Russell, William Skipper, Brice Smith, Robert Spitzer, Sharon Steadman, Randi Storch, Paul van der Veur, German Zarate.

Absent: Isa Jubran

#### **Administrative Update:**

Making technology accessible to the disabled group. Amy Berg is forming a Technology Access Committee. You may hear from her soon.

-Capital Campaign is now at \$21m.

-Alumni Affairs Executive Director – the search will reopen.

-SUNY System will change the travel registration system. It may lead to delays in reimbursement this semester.

-About the student passing away over the weekend; faculty needed to be contacted and we don't have emergency contact numbers. Please provide these numbers to the dean.

#### **Associate Dean's Report:**

Grad Checklists – please get them in as soon as possible.

#### **Personnel:**

Searches are approved for TESOL posts and a ten month permanent Art Gallery Director.

Bruce Mattingly: we're hoping for one or two more search approvals. A couple of searches in Political Science, too (left over from last year). It is possible A&S searches in fall.

#### **Facilities:**

-Fences are up around Bowers. There are parking concerns – UUP and Facilities meeting. The Dowd Gallery is going to West Court Street. The Dowd parking lot is likely to close.

#### **Budget:**

- Course fees for transfer costs for example, a Raquette Lake trip, are appropriate items for a request.
- Course fees for consumables – those proposals are moving forward. Remember, SUNY has to approve it.

It's not clear if a transportation fee can be added to a room and board fee.

Scott Anderson: why did the transportation fees go up so high? The mileage went from fifty cents to two dollars. Is the price fairly determined? It's a high cost to the students.

Bruce: when faculty lead trips off campus, it is worth considering the issues of liability. It's better to use campus transportation. Sciences have vans they use for the trips. Let's revisit this.

Question: taking students to Germany and D.C. – no format that is standard for these trips.

Scott: we need the college to find affordable travel options. Should we now discourage independent travel? This is a question for SUNY counsel.

Note: regarding the travel issue. Some faculty are not eager to use college vans because of their condition. Good maintenance is not clear.

Guests re: entrepreneurship:

Burke and Phillips – team is trying to promote entrepreneurship among students; a large collaboration of groups on and off campus. Entrepreneurship courses coming in Fall and Spring are open to all; no prerequisites. MGT 429.

They applied for a grant that will fund the courses. Internships, perhaps in a business incubator. Valuable for many majors: for example, Art, Design, GIS and Communications. Twenty-six businesses want help with web site design.

Start-up ideas are welcome from students and faculty. Some competitions for new ideas will be announced. Includes for-profit and nonprofit. Seth Asumah hopes the initiative looks at underrepresented groups.

### **Curriculum:**

Depts changing admission GPA for new undergraduate students: there is no clear cut process yet on the decision.

- A. This is not a level one change.
- B. Reasons for change include: for enrollment control, we're full; students are not prepared.
- C. Depts should
  - Have conversations with Enrollment Management.
  - Show evidence that links the requirement to the goal/purpose.
  - Discuss impact on other departments.

Seth: entry GPA does not predict behavior in the program. SST wants 3.0, but that will hurt some students. Minority groups are likely to be affected.

### **Other:**

Clark Center proposal regarding international transfer initiatives.

- Remember in the old days, the international coordinator was not well defined. See the new version in proposal for International Advocates – see handout.
- More news on March 26, at the Joint Chairs Council. Feedback is requested.
- Advocates will work in tandem with advisors.