

# Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council Meeting Minutes 1/23/12

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Present: Bruce Mattingly, Margaret Anderson, Scott Anderson, Seth Asumah, Robert Darling, Peter Ducey, Lori Ellis, Christopher Gascon, Isa Jubran, 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.

Welcome to Peggy Anderson – Psychology

### **Administrative Update:**

Bruce: President's Council News

- Vice-president Franco reports \$21 million in Capital Campaign and a Performing Arts campaign will start.
- Efforts to enhance student scholarships.
- Goal of \$1.5 million for Raquette Lake
- Beta Fraternity: 1925-1994 and then banned. It still exists underground. Alumni from years ago (60's and 70's) are looking for a Beta reunion this summer. It will be hosted on campus but the fraternity is still banned. Expect more information from Ray Franco later.
- Per Bill Shaut – we will use \$3 million in reserves. It's better than expected. Tuition increases continue. The IFR surcharge may drop slightly. Expect an announcement soon.
- Spring enrollment – down 30 full-time students; up 60 part-time students. Applications for fall are down 600. Expected to see that.
- Per Chancellor: Ten regional SUNY showcases. March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Cortland will be there at Syracuse events.

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

Drop/Add deadline: Monday or Tuesday one-night classes will have an extension.  
Curriculum deadline – we end 3/25/13.

### **Personnel:**

- One retirement: Ralph Dudgeon; retiring in May.
  - Lisi Krall is taking over the Honor's Program.
  - The Dean of Education search is to start.
- Bob Spitzer: email from Bob Spitzer regarding personnel fires – lots of hiring going on except for full time faculty.  
There are only two faculty searches going on outside Arts and Sciences.  
The others don't seem to be justified. Faculty hiring must proceed.
- Bruce: the Provost's opinion is that jobs filled is only part of the picture, for e.g., what positions remain vacant after hiring.  
Adjunct hires are a quick solution for academic posts. It's harder to do that in staff positions.  
Every search needs the approval of the President's Cabinet. Searches in Professional Studies were in a context of two non-renewals.
- Scott Anderson: maybe a request for data on expenditures, for example, a pie chart, over time. We need better information.
- Bill Skipper: individual increases amount to a new set of priorities: is the institution focused on the right things?

Randi Storch: faculty used to own the budget, but now that's not the case. Advent of SUNY in the 1940's. Athletics has a lot of money, too.

Should we make requests via Faculty Senate or from Chairs Council?

Kathy Russell: do we need more data? That will be a delay factor.

Sharon Steadman: longitudinal data is needed.

Brice Smith: there are savings sometimes in big expenditures (e.g. related to low energy costs).

Matt Lessig: there are some unquantifiable elements for example, part-time faculty vs. full-time faculty (it looks like a savings up front).

Scott: we need this data regularly.

Chris: put the onus on Finance and Management to explain the data.

Bruce: will talk further to Mark Prus about this.

### **Facilities:**

Bowers work is to begin this semester. Dowd is to start this summer.

Long term – this is after the Student Life building is completed. The designer phase will be starting.

Nasrin will be in touch. Math, HLH, SOC, ECO,POL and AAS (GRY – thanks for being listened to).

Concerns: relocation, studios, storage, natural light for studios.

-Performing Arts: external agreements are not in place; classrooms.

### **Curriculum:**

IDP – Selected Studies is going to be an option in IDP.

Program Reviews – seven on board now. M-States visit in April.

### **Old Business:**

Blackboard Roles and Access.

-Policy distributed in late fall by Amy Berg, who is looking for faculty feedback. No feedback today.

### **New Business:**

Thanksgiving Break – attendance issues.

Randi Storch – the History Department is looking for a full week off. Too many phantom classes.

Abandon the October break.

Paul van der Veur: other campuses have the same problem in the prior week!

Bob S.: we should abandon the Labor Day Holiday.

### **Announcements:**

-Summer – SAB in Ghana, faculty led. Two weeks in Ghana. Six credits cost approximately \$4,500.

-Seth distributed Black History Month information.

-Clark Center global workforce module workshop – scholarship support for SAB.

-Brooks Museum: February 15, "Books that Changed the World," and reception.

Brice: Earth Week proposals are due next week. Sandwich Seminar on Sustainability is coming soon.

Chris: placement grid regarding SPA, etc., available online and via Advisement.

Kathy R.: Summer Ethics Institute, May 14 and 15.

Peter Ducey: Faculty Research Program proposals due to the Dean on February 1, 2012.