College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council Meeting February 7, 2008

Members Present: Roslyn Schindler, Charles Parrish, Larry Lombard, Bob Reynolds, Brad Roth, Avis Vidal, Marvin Zalman, Seymour Wolfson, Allen Batteau, Mark Ferguson, John Klein, Boris Baltes, Geoff Nathan, David Coleman

Attending: Robert Thomas, Don Spinelli, Dave Njus, Joe Rankin, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Carmen Albert

Absent With Notice: Catherine Jen, Eric Ash, Robert Aguirre, Caroline Morgan

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the January 3, 2008 meeting were approved.

The revised College Bylaws were approved.

The proposed Jewish Studies Minor was discussed. There were questions about student demand and course offerings. Don Spinelli said that the proposed minor was essentially tailored around existing courses. Larry Lombard suggested that an e-mail be sent to department chairs throughout the university regarding Jewish-themed courses.

Charlie Parrish moved for approval, with the understanding that the proposal would be sent back to Marc Kruman with the council's recommended changes. The motion was approved.

Bob Reynolds mentioned the upcoming college elections and the need for faculty to run.

Dave Njus noted that requests for Omnibus funding are due March 3 and teaching award nominations are due April 18. He said that the technology committee will be sending out a survey to CLAS faculty on how they use technology.

It was moved by Allen Batteau that, in the future, any creation of new departments be done in consultation with Faculty Council. The motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55.