

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
February 7, 2013

Members Present: Danielle McGuire, Anne Duggan, Mark Ferguson, Claudio Verani, Avis Vidal, Fred Pearson, Mary Cay Sengstock, Geoff Nathan, Larry Lombard, Ed Golenberg, Eric Lambert, Caroline Morgan, Marsha Richmond

Attending: Don Haase, Christy Chow, Peter Hoffmann, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski

Absent With Notice: Boris Baltes, Krista Brumley, Tom Killion, John Klein, Charles Parrish

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting were approved.

Mark Ferguson led a discussion of the proposed changes to the college bylaws. Several such changes were passed.

Speaking on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, Avis Vidal asked if the committee should consider student demand when new courses are proposed. A majority of council members said that the committee should not.

Peter Hoffmann spoke of the problem of course credit hours. He said that the provost's office wants a fixed ratio of contact hours to credit hours. The push to rationalize the assignation of credit hours across campus is due to the university accreditation process, now in its early stages. He said there would be more discussion of the topic to come; for the time being, he just wanted faculty feedback.

Mary Cay Sengstock noted that Faculty Council meetings are a chance for faculty members to talk to the dean, who was not in attendance.

Fred Pearson asked about the \$1200 in research funding being distributed to faculty college-wide. He wanted to know when faculty could expect to hear about their requests.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.