

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
March 1, 2012

Members Present: Mary Cay Sengstock, Marsha Richmond, Mark Ferguson, Geoff Nathan, Larry Lombard, Anne Duggan, Claudio Verani, Ed Golenberg, Fred Pearson, Ed Van Hees, Tom Killion, Gavin Lawes, Eric Lambert

Attending: Christine Chow, Caroline Brzuchowski, Paul Clemens, Joe Rankin, Robert Thomas

Absent With Notice: Boris Baltes, Markus Friedrich, John Klein, Charles Parrish, Pramod Khosla

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the February 2, 2012 meeting were approved.

Mark Ferguson spoke on the ongoing issue of mentoring reports, about which there was nothing new to report. He said that he hopes to hear from Kelly Skillin soon and will report back.

Ferguson spoke of another ongoing issue, that of Graduate Faculty Status. After much discussion, Ed Golenberg proposed a motion to have the two CLAS members on Graduate Council come to the next Faculty Council meeting to explain the new plan and to listen to concerns. The motion passed.

Mark Ferguson noted the need for nominees for the upcoming CLAS elections. Caroline Brzuchowski said that, due to the departure of Computer Science, the college had lost one representative on Academic Senate, and thus needed only two new members, not three.

Joe Rankin presented on the proposed change to the College By-Laws to establish a standing Technology Committee. There was much discussion about membership terms, and how they'd be staggered, and how the committee would be constituted. As any change to the College By-Laws must be approved by the Faculty Assembly, it was agreed that current members would be asked to serve this April while the above matters were sorted out.

The proposed revision to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice was approved.

Joe Rankin discussed the college's draft advising plan, which is based on the college's getting twenty-four new advisors over the next three years. Larry Lombard had little faith in the advisors' ability to advise students, while Ed Van Hees said that, with input from the departments, advisors can play a valuable role. Rankin said that any further comments and criticisms can be sent to him.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50.