

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Council Meeting  
March 04, 2010

Members Present: John Klein, Allen Batteau, Seymour Wolfson, Mark Vanberkum, Robert Reynolds, renee hoogland, Mark Baskaran, Allen Goodman, Mark Ferguson, Charles Parrish, Fred Pearson, Eric Lambert, Larry Lombard, Elizabeth Lublin, Caroline Morgan,

Attending: Robert Thomas, Donald Haase, Joseph Rankin, David Njus, Caroline Brzuchowski, Paul Clemens

Absent With Notice: Avis Vidal, David Coleman, Markus Friedrich

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the February 04, 2010 meeting were approved.

Dean Thomas spoke of the college budget situation and repeated what he'd said in February about the various possible scenarios—a 5%, 10%, and 15% cut—while hoping that it won't be as severe as 5%. The dean noted that the college has been responsible for \$5.5 million in additional tuition revenue over last year. He said that he and Joe Kieleszewski met with the CLAS Budget Committee and that, as an exercise, he has asked the CLAS chairs for departmental cuts of 7%.

Seymour Wolfson said that asking CLAS to take a cut is “absurd” and suggested that the council draft a resolution stating that the college cannot take any cuts. Charles Parrish spoke against the lack of budgetary planning and vision at the university level.

Robert Reynolds asked once again for nominees for college committees. Council passed a resolution, suggested by Larry Lombard, stating that, in case two people from the same department are the highest vote-getters in Divisional and At-Large elections, the winner of the Divisional election and the runner-up in the At-Large election shall be seated on the Budget Advisory Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.