

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
April 05, 2007

Members Present: Arthur Marotti, Caroline Morgan, John Klein, Avis Vidal, Marvin Zalman, Robert Aguirre, Roslyn Schindler, Steve Spurr, David Coleman, Mark Ferguson, Boris Baltes, Brad Roth, Catherine Jen, Charles Parrish

Attending: Robert Thomas, Dave Njus, Don Spinelli, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Carmen Albert, Cecil Houston (University of Windsor), Tom Najem (University of Windsor)

Absent With Notice: Eric Ash, Larry Lombard, Hans Hummer, Bob Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

The minutes of the March 01, 2007 meeting were approved.

Fred Pearson presented a proposal for a joint Masters Program in Peace Studies between WSU and the University of Windsor, with the MA to be offered through our Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. Cecil Houston, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Windsor, and Tom Najem, Chair of its Political Science Department, also spoke of the proposed program and discussed the enthusiasm for it at Windsor. As chair of the department through which the degree will be offered, Roz Schindler spoke of the support for the program within Interdisciplinary Studies.

While there seemed to be support for the idea in general, there were questions concerning curricular matters and whether Windsor was supplying its share of monetary support. Several questions arose regarding budget, in light of Fred's handout suggesting that \$101,226 would be needed to implement the program.

There was a motion to approve the proposal as is provided that the money to implement the program come from the Provost's Office. The vote passed unanimously.

Roz Schindler proposed establishing an elected college curriculum committee to replace the voluntary committee currently in place. This proposal was rejected, but wording will be added to the Faculty Council bylaws to make clearer the function of the committee and the procedures by which it operates. Council left the wording of this up to the Dean's Office with final approval remaining with the council.

The council approved an amendment to the College Strategic Plan that will change the amount of money to be raised in the Capital Campaign from \$58,000,000 to \$23,000,000.

Brad Roth spoke skeptically of the Undergraduate Certificate in National Security Intelligence Studies, sponsored by the United States Office of the Directorate of National Intelligence (ODNI) and handled, at WSU, by the College of Engineering. Many council

members expressed wariness of this initiative, as did the dean, who had raised concerns about the initiative many months back, when it was brought before the Council of Deans.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.