

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
September 4, 2008

Members Present: Seymour Wolfson, John Klein, Roslyn Schindler, Robert Aguirre, Caroline Morgan, Robert Reynolds, Avis Vidal, Allen Batteau, Boris Baltes, David Coleman, Mark Vanberkum, Fred Pearson, Mark Ferguson

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

Absent With Notice: Marvin Zalman, Geoff Nathan, Charles Parrish, Eric Ash, Mark Baskaran

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the April 3, 2008 meeting were approved as amended.

Following up on Lawrence Lombard's call, in the April meeting, for greater research funding from the university in the Humanities, Robert Aguirre spoke of the Humanities Center's new "Open Competition" grant in the humanities or arts, which will fund up to three projects up to \$4,000 each.

Robert Reynolds was elected as Faculty Council Secretary.

Caroline Brzuchowski sought replacements for CLAS committee members who have scheduling conflicts or are on sabbatical.

Dean Thomas spoke of the Jewish Studies Program and announced the kickoff event, on September 23, for the Jewish Studies minor. He also discussed the ongoing effort to establish a Middle Eastern Discovery Program, which will take a small group of WSU students from diverse backgrounds to a university, yet to be selected, in the region.

Dean Thomas announced the special CLAS Faculty Assembly, with President Noren in attendance, scheduled for September 22, and the college's Collegian Awards, scheduled for September 16.

David Njus mentioned the CLAS Teaching Awards and noted that the awards now come with \$1,000.

Avis Vidal asked if the newly-elected CLAS Budget Advisory Committee had met over the summer. Dean Thomas said that it had not, and that he anticipated the first meeting would be held this fall, after he and Joe Kieleszewski meet with Provost Barrett regarding the college's budget for the upcoming year.

Robert Reynolds asked if it would be worthwhile to make public the exact number of votes received by candidates for CLAS committees. There was general agreement from council that, while there is no reason not to provide such information to individuals who request their own vote totals, there is no reason to make the vote totals of everyone public, since it may have the effect of discouraging faculty from running in the first place.

Joseph Rankin noted that the Faculty Council Curriculum Committee might need replacement members, since one member, Daniel Frohardt, is now Chair of Mathematics, and another, Ewa Golebiowska, is on sabbatical. Rankin said that he would approach, on the suggestion of council, Monica Brockmeyer to see if she would be willing to replace Frohardt. Avis Vidal said that she would be willing to replace Golebiowska.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20.