

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
September 05, 2013

Members Present: Avis Vidal, Caroline Morgan, Charles Parrish, Elizabeth Faue, Fred Pearson, Jennifer Wareham, Krista Brumley, Larry Lombard, Lisa Maruca, Mark Ferguson, Tom Killion, Yifan Zhang, Heather Dillaway

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Don Haase, Christy Chow, Peter Hoffmann, Robert Aguirre, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Melba Boyd

Absent With Notice: Claudio Verani, Danielle McGuire, Ed Golenberg, Geoffrey Nathan, Michael Belzer

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the May 02, 2013 meeting were approved.

Mark Ferguson was re-elected as Faculty Council Secretary.

Robert Aguirre gave updates on the college's advisor hiring. He said that the goal by the end of the year is to have a professional advisor in every department. He also noted that, to address the problem of students in the college with no major, exploratory tracks have been added to the Winter 14 application. Such tracks end at forty-five credits and are designed to direct a student to a major by that point.

Charles Parrish asked about pay for the new advisors and said that there are concerns among advisors about salary compression.

Wayne Raskind announced the appointment of three new chairs: Janet Hankin in Sociology; Stephen Spurr in Economics; and Ahmad Heydari in Nutrition and Food Science.

The dean said that the college's budget cut was comprised, largely, of a combination of returned unfilled faculty lines and returned departmental enhancements. He said that the largest budget problem facing the university going forward is the ongoing enrollment decline and that a group of CLAS chairs is working with the AVP for Enrollment Management, Corinne Webb, on strategies for student recruitment.

Replacements were sought for college committees. Don Haase noted the need, soon, for nominees to serve as college representatives on Article XXX committees.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.