

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
November 05, 2009

Members Present: Mark Vanberkum, Avis Vidal, Seymour Wolfson, Allen Batteau, Elizabeth Lublin, Markus Friedrich, Caroline Morgan, David Coleman, Mark Baskaran, Geoff Nathan, John Klein, Anne Duggan, Allen Goodman, Mark Ferguson, Charles Parrish, Fred Pearson

Attending: Robert Thomas, Donald Haase, David Njus, Joseph Rankin, Caroline Brzuchowski, Paul Clemens, Joe Kieleszewski, Jean Andruski, Ratna Naik, Paul Karchin

Absent With Notice: Robert Reynolds, renee hoogland

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The minutes of the October 01, 2009 meeting were approved.

David Njus and Jean Andruski, Chair of the Communication Sciences and Disorders department, discussed her department's desire to terminate the Masters in Audiology. The motion to terminate the degree passed unanimously.

Paul Karchin of Physics presented his department's proposal for a new B.A. in Astronomy. It would be the only B.A. in Astronomy in Michigan, Karchin said, and the proposal was unanimously approved by the Physics faculty. The motion to approve the degree passed unanimously.

Joseph Rankin and Caroline Brzuchowski sought additional nominees for the Article XXX committees.

The dean announced that the college Faculty Assembly will take place on December 15 at 11:00 a.m. in Bernath Auditorium.

Avis Vidal asked about the availability of writing help for graduate students. Anne Duggan said that the Graduate School has a committee working on this, and that Ellen Barton of the English Department may be able to help.

Charles Parrish discussed the president's plan to use significant tuition increases to cover the university's projected budget problems—a strategy he disapproved of. He discussed the recent Strategic Directions Initiative meeting, which he and only one other CLAS faculty member attended. He urged the members of council to go to the Strategic Directions website and familiarize themselves with the topics under discussion. He noted, too, that he and the dean had attended the recent retreat at which many of these topics facing the university were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55.