

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences—Faculty Council Meeting  
February 04, 2016

Members Present: Lisa Maruca, Tausha Beardsley, Claudio Verani, Ed Golenberg, Larry Lombard, Jennifer Wareham, Lara Jones, Charles Parrish, Yifan Zhang, Kevin Cotter, Zachary Brewster, Barry Lyons, Avis Vidal, David Merolla, Geoffrey Nathan

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Robert Aguirre, Donald Haase, Heather Dillaway

Absent With Notice: Ashis Mukhopadhyay, John Klein, Elizabeth Faue

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

The minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

Robert Aguirre spoke of the new course scheduling matrix, which the president had requested and which puts us more in line with other universities. In general, the changes reduce a typical hour-long class by five minutes, thus allowing for more passing time for students.

Ed Golenberg worried about the reduction in presentation time, which totals two hours over a semester, saying that in particular it hurts the Biology labs.

While understanding the various concerns about the change, Wayne Raskind noted that the current course schedule is prone to conflicts, with one class ending after another has begun. It was also noted that the changes are a done deal, and set to go into effect for the Winter 2017 semester.

Heather Dillaway spoke of the proposed LawStart program, an accelerated 3+3 program between CLAS and the WSU Law School. Other such programs, Dillaway said, exist across the country and state. The program was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.