

Minutes of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting, 6 October 2005

Dean White called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Dean White recognized M. Donnelly as the new secretary of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences.

Anne Phillips moved and Mike Kanost seconded approval of the minutes of the last A & S Faculty Meeting 14 April 2004. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dean White presented the State of the College Address to start the new school year. Because the address is available on-line, Dean White summarized and commented on the major points in his message. They are four: 1) the institutional initiative to establish priorities and outcomes; 2) the current state of the College; 3) diversity issues; and 4) goals for the academic year.

Dean White does not see setting priorities as a corrective measure, but rather as a positive building on past and current strengths to look ahead to a better College of Arts & Sciences. The diversity of disciplines and foundational position of the College in the University make this task particularly complicated for Arts & Sciences. Dean White will consult DCOP and groups of department heads on setting priorities for positioning the College over the next three to five years. One aim is to develop areas of excellence that will earn national or international recognition in that time period. Target dates for reports on this effort are from May through December 2006.

On the second point, Dean White noted that A & S faculty accounted for 54% of student credit hours generated during the last academic year, and that there was a 12.5% increase in undergraduate majors since 2000. He also wanted to recognize faculty and students who have received major honors—three Goldwaters from the College with a fourth doing research in Physics in the College. An Art student won a Jack Kent Cooke scholarship. Students in Forensics, Journalism, and Mathematics won major national awards. A & S Faculty make up 75% of all University Distinguished Professors, and six of eleven Coffman Scholars. Dean White recognized faculty in Art, Physics, and Economics who received major honors and awards during the year, and seven faculty recipients of William L. Stamey Teaching Awards during the year. At least 35 A & S faculty members are taking leadership roles on 11 of the 12 targeted excellence grants that have been funded so far. Dean White commended particularly projects in Origins, Military History, Ecological Genomics, Nanoparticle Research, and Global Research on Water-based Economics. Faculty in the College have brought in nearly 28 million dollars in extramural competitive research grants.

Seven women serve as head of academic programs, and three serve as deans in the College.

Alumni support of the College has helped the Department of Art to its own departmental art gallery, the Music Department to a new high-tech music classroom, and an endowed chair in History.

The Dean reluctantly noted also, however, that faculty salaries in the College of Arts and Sciences are 14.4% below NASULGC peers (last among K-State Colleges).

Under the heading of Diversity, Dean White reported that Juanita McGowan's report to the President suggests that A & S is doing an excellent job in infusing diversity into its curricula, and cooperating with minority institutions all over the world, but that while we are the most diverse college, we've plateaued in recruitment and retention.

The Dean's Report concluded with a summary of selected goals for the coming academic year. Departmental priority setting, mentioned as the first of the four main points, was number one. Also listed were completion of Chalmers Hall for Biochemistry, submission of at least four different proposals for Congressional funding, implementing masters' and Ph.D. programs in Security Studies, establishing a Collegiate Research Center on Math Education, increasing extramural funding for the Social Sciences, exploring the possibilities of a building for the Performing Arts and a secondary major in Forensic Studies, and exploring the possibility of establishing a College equipment fee this year. The six endowed chairs he now have will be augmented by four new ones in the future.

Turning to New Business, Yasmin Patell presented the Course & Curriculum Committee Course Proposals. Prof. Viertel moved the proposed Changes, seconded by Anne Phillips.

Editorial corrections accepted: p. 16, 2nd column, 5th line: KIN 336 should be titled "Physiology of Exercise *LAB*. 1 cr." Also, KIN 220 should be correctly titled "Biobehavioral Basics of Exercise." Course Changes were approved unanimously.

Tom Barstow moved, and Linda Brigham seconded, approval of the Dean's Advisory Committee Policy. There was no discussion, and the item was unanimously approved.

No miscellaneous items were brought up.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM