

Faculty Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2010

**Present:** Julio de Paula, Dean of the College; Jane Hunter, Associate Dean of the College; Andrew Bernstein, associate professor of history; Rob Kugler, Paul S. Wright Professor of Christian Studies; Liz Safran, associate professor of geological sciences; and Terri Banasek, executive assistant and recorder. Guest: Jane Atkinson, Interim President  
**Absent:** Cliff Bekar, associate professor of economics

**Agenda Items:**

1. [Dean de Paula recused himself from this portion of the meeting.] Interim President Atkinson stated that it is her hope and intention is to have a dean-elect named in consultation with president-elect right after spring break. She would like to have three or four representatives from the faculty on a committee to solicit nominations, conduct interviews and recommend a name to her. The work would need to be done before spring break. It was suggested to have a call for nominations from the faculty for this committee, followed by an at-large election (call for nominations with an election one week later). It was agreed to have three members on the committee – one from each division – elected at large. The Faculty Council and Dr. Atkinson will draft a job description to be circulated asking for nominations. Nominations could come in from faculty, staff, and students. Ms. Banasek will draft language for the committee nominations and send it to Dr. Atkinson for review. [Dean de Paula returned to the meeting.]
2. Dr. Atkinson reminded the Faculty Council that after the Board approved a vision statement for athletics, she reported at the faculty meeting that there would be some follow-up. There is a good deal of work to be on campus to come to terms with what the problem is, and there also is a good deal of interest in doing something similar on the Board. There is confusion about what the problem is. This is going to be brought into the Board process, overseen by Stephanie Fowler in the Campus Life Committee (Jon Jaqua wants to continue to be involved). What will ensue is a committee of trustees, faculty, students, and staff. Dr. Atkinson would like counsel on who would be appropriate. She wants people who can recognize the possibilities and challenges to strike a balance. Nora Beck, in her capacity as Faculty Athletics Representative, is a given; it was suggested that the Faculty Representatives to the Board (Nick Smith and Andy Bernstein) also be included, as well as a member of the AFA. Dr. Atkinson wants to present a slate of names to Ms. Fowler. She is not looking for a major transformation, but we need to understand what the hurdles are. [Dr. Atkinson left the meeting.]
3. Dean de Paula updated Faculty Council on the progress of setting the budget for 2010-11.

4. Faculty Council continued its discussion of the Mellon Senior Fellowships.
5. Faculty Council reviewed the criteria and approval process for the Mellon Faculty Development Seminar Series.
6. Mellon Collaborative Teaching and Faculty Seminars: Faculty Council discussed the draft presented by Associate Dean Hunter. Two proposals are currently coming forward. Should they be sequenced? It was agreed that any additional expenses must be covered out of stipends. Dr. Hunter will try to use the same or similar language for both programs. She will use “syllabus” instead of “calendar.” There is a \$20,000 budget. Dr. Hunter will incorporate all proposed changes in another draft for Faculty Council review at its next meeting.

The deadline for a visiting scholar is December 1 (for a visitor the following year).

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.