

College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2002

Meeting convened 3:25 PM.

Minutes of meeting 6 March 2002 approved.

President's Report

President Mooney notified the faculty of the deaths of three members of the College community:

An obituary appears in today's Oregonian for Bob Dusenbury, Professor Emeritus of English. A memorial service for Professor Dusenbury will take place on campus in June.

A memorial service for Sabra Bradshaw-Wackerle, former Assistant to the Dean of Education for Special Projects, will take place in the South Campus Chapel on a date to be announced.

Sarah Elizabeth Vreeland, a May 2001 graduate in Communication and Psychology, passed away in London on March 26. While hospitalized, she was accompanied by a number of family members and Lewis & Clark alumni. Sarah will be remembered fondly by many friends and faculty members at the College.

The President introduced Emily Clark, new Vice President for Planning and Secretary of the College. Her areas of concern will include student recruitment and retention, and she will serve in a coordinating role with the Board of Trustees.

At the request of President Mooney, Dean Gary Reiness reported on a number of student awards. [Here these announcements are combined with additional ones from Dean Johnson's report, distributed electronically prior to the meeting]:

Three students and graduates have been awarded NSF Predoctoral Fellowships. About 900 fellowships are awarded annually from a group of about 5,000 applicants. The recipients are Anne Peattie '01 (biology), who is now a graduate student at UC-Berkeley; Simon Sponberg, a senior majoring in biology and physics; and Marie Spong '01 (chemistry/Hispanic studies), who is now a graduate student at Harvard.

Three students and graduates have received honorable mentions in the NSF Predoctoral Fellowship program: Colin Beck '01 (self-designed major in Politics, Society, and Perception), now a graduate student in sociology at Stanford; Jesse Ellis '01 (biology), now a graduate student at Cornell; and Jason Huff, a senior majoring in biochemistry.

Marie Spong '01 (chemistry/Hispanic studies) has also received a Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Predoctoral Fellowship in biomedical sciences. HHMI awarded only 75 fellowships nationally this year. Marie would be Lewis & Clark's first HHMI Fellow if she were to accept this fellowship instead of the NSF fellowship.

Simon Sponberg also received a Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Fellowship. This fellowship covers full tuition and fees plus a \$25,000 personal support stipend and is renewable for up to five years.

Neil Weare, a senior majoring in international affairs, is the recipient of Lewis & Clark's first-ever NCAA post-graduate scholarship. Neil won the individual Northwest Conference Cross Country title last fall. He intends to pursue a career in public policy, serving both in Guam and in Washington, D.C. The NCAA awards post-graduate scholarships of \$5,000 each to student-athletes with an overall grade-point average of 3.2 or its equivalent who have performed with distinction as a member of a varsity team.

Julian Dautremont-Smith, a junior majoring in environmental studies, has been named a Truman Scholar; one of the most prestigious awards available to undergraduates. He is the College's sixth Truman Scholar in the past 10 years. Truman Scholars are selected for their intellectual ability, leadership potential and likelihood of "making a difference." Recipients must have outstanding communication skills, be in the top quarter of their class and be committed to careers in government or the public sector. Sixty-four students were selected as Truman Scholars from 590 candidates.

Collin Trail, a junior majoring in physics, received a Goldwater Scholarship. He is the College's 12th recipient since the program's inception in 1993.

Olin Laster, German Studies major, was awarded a Fulbright teaching grant to teach in Austria next summer.

A commencement speaker has been selected; an announcement will appear in the next issue of the Pioneer Log.

The Gallery of Contemporary Art will receive a series of annual gifts and a permanent endowment from Rana and Eric Hoffmann (Hoffman Construction). The Gallery will be named in their honor; a dedication will take place this Fall.

Dean's Report [Adapted from electronic report distributed prior to the meeting]

1. Faculty and Student Honors and Awards. We have had a bumper crop of awards and fellowships won by our faculty and students this year. Congratulations to all of you for your accomplishments. Student awards are listed above as part of the President's report. Faculty awards include the following:

Andrew Bernstein (History) has been designated a principal candidate for the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program. He has also received a Japan Foundation grant, a Social Science Research Council grant administered through the Ministry of Education in Japan,

and has been named a First Alternate for a Fulbright CIES (IIE) grant.

Three Lewis & Clark faculty members received research grants from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. Tom Olsen (Physics) received a grant to study Light Curve Measurements for Short-Period Eclipsing Binary Star Systems. Greg Hermann (Biology) received a grant for Investigating the Regulation of the Notch Receptor and the Delta Ligand During Left-Right Asymmetry in *C. Elegans* Organogenesis. Kellar Autumn (Biology) received a grant to study the Dynamics of Gecko Adhesion.

Rebecca Copenhaver (Philosophy) has been selected to participate in a NEH Summer Institute on Consciousness and Intentionality.

Robert Eisinger (Political Science) is a regional finalist for a White House Fellowship.

Susan Glosser (History) has received a Millicent C. McIntosh Flexible Fellowship for recently tenured faculty members in the humanities, awarded by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Lewis & Clark College will be one of nine institutions to participate in the 2002-2003 academic year. Three awards, each tenable for up to two years, were awarded in the pilot program.

Matt Levinger was awarded a State Department Fellowship.

Elliott Young (History) has been selected to participate in an NEH Summer Institute on Jose Marti, to take place in Florida.

2. CAP update. The subgroups are meeting again with interested faculty from the various departments and programs. Notices either have been or will be sent inviting faculty to attend one or more of these sessions. The full CAP will then meet again to discuss whether and how to revise our Draft Report in light of faculty comments to this point. If revisions are made, these will be distributed prior to the next Faculty Forum, to be held on the South Campus from 5-8 pm on Thursday April 18th. Both verbal and written responses to the earlier draft are welcome and will be considered by the CAP. If it appears that an additional Faculty Forum is needed for full airing of faculty views we shall try to schedule one, probably in early May.
3. Faculty Retreat Agenda. The Academic Council agreed to postpone making a final decision about this until after the next discussion of the CAP Draft Report.
4. The annual International Affairs Symposium will take place next week. This year's topic is "Sanctions in the 21st Century."

Questions and Discussion

What is the anticipated time frame for the continuing CAP process? Will President Mooney discuss the report with the Trustees in May? President Mooney replied that he has no plans to talk with the Trustees in May regarding the report; this is too early in

the process. Dean Johnson said that the Commission has not yet decided when it will deliver its report to the President but is considering doing so by the end of May.

What will be the status of the report once the President receives it? President Mooney replied that curricular matters will be referred to the Curriculum Committee. In reviewing the report, the President's primary focus will be on academic issues.

Are issues of geographic focus understood as academic issues? The President replied that they are academic priorities. To whom will those issues be referred? The President replied that he doesn't know yet but that he doesn't expect the Trustees to be deeply involved.

Tom Schoeneman reported that the Commission on Teaching has approximately 60 percent of its report at the second draft stage. The Commission hopes to have a complete draft to the faculty by the end of the semester.

Mike Sexton announced that there will be an Admissions event this coming weekend. May 1 is the national candidates reply date. The "Inside LC" web page has received a CASE award.

Reports of Standing Committees

Curriculum Committee (Bill Randall):

The College has created its first 6-credit course, SPAN 112, an accelerated course equivalent to SPAN 101 and 102 combined.

The Academic Calendars for 2004 through 2007, and for 2009, will entail a conflict of principles. We cannot begin classes after Labor Day and also end classes by December 18. The Committee recommends starting classes before Labor Day. No further discussion of the motion took place at this time.

The Committee proposes changing the class withdrawal policy to allow withdrawal without penalty through week 12; after that, students would be required to present a request to the subcommittee on Petitions and Waivers. A motive for this change is to increase the uniformity of procedures. No motion was offered at this time; the Committee may bring this up as new business at a future meeting.

Committee on Admissions, Awards, and Academic Standing. No report.

Committee on Educational Technology. No report.

Library Committee. No report.

Committee on Promotion and Tenure (Bob Goldman). The Committee has completed its deliberations, and letters of recommendation have gone to Dean Johnson.

New Business. Motion approved for the Conferral of Degrees to the Class of 2002.

Meeting adjourned, 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Kinsella, CAS Faculty Secretary