

College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2001

Meeting Convened, 3:25 PM

1. Approved minutes of CAS faculty meetings, 7 February and 7 March, 2001
2. **President's Report**

A reaccreditation visit will take place this coming Friday, 6 April, and we will hear from the visiting team in a matter of weeks.

Lewis & Clark is participating in the Southwest Portland Community Plan, part of the Oregon state urban planning effort. State principles include urban growth boundaries, mixed-use housing, and densification. Southwest neighborhood associations have allied with some environmental interests regarding issues of densification and Lewis & Clark's building plans. Lewis & Clark will try to become zoned for "institutional" use, as we will soon be occupying residential land.

Regarding fundraising, we have raised our third million dollars toward Howard Hall and have \$1.7 million toward capital expenses for Albany Hall. We have received \$0.4 million in federal (FIPSE) funding toward Bicentennial Hall.

Thanks are extended to all who helped in securing the Sherman Fairchild grant, especially Gary Reiness. We have won grants from both Sherman Fairchild and the Keck Foundation.

The Cheney Foundation has renewed its scholarship grant and contributed an additional \$40,000 toward the Albany Hall renovation.

Cybil Simon, who established a \$100,000 irrevocable trust for music scholarships in 1998, has now made additional donations of \$500,000 and \$700,000, for a total donation of \$1.3 million. The McGuire trust also provides funding for music scholarships.

The last Faculty Forum for the current year will take place on 12 April and will have a special format. Faculty will be asked to discuss their classroom strategies for creating the best possible student experiences. Faculty will also be asked to discuss student outcomes in terms of the question: How would you want graduates to describe the experiences they had at Lewis & Clark?

3. Dean's Report

Gary Reiness reported on the Sherman Fairchild grant at Dean Johnson's request. This was a pretty selective grant process; proposals were scrutinized carefully. We received one of four or five grants. Thanks are due to a number of individuals who participated in the process, including Kellar Autumn, Barbara Balko, Paulette Bierzychudek, Ken Clifton, Louis Kuo, Deborah Lycan, Tom Olsen, Liz Safran, Trinh Tran, and Steve Tufte.

Dean Johnson reported that Peter Christenson, together with his associates at Stanford University and Rolling Stone magazine, has received a grant of approximately \$400,000 to study youth media issues. Their project will include 50-60 interviews with top Hollywood creative people.

Nick Smith will chair the American Philosophical Association's program committee during the coming academic year.

Tom Schoeneman reported on the work of the Commission on Teaching, at Dean Johnson's request. Work will continue into the summer, and it is not likely that a report for the faculty will be ready by September.

The Philosophy department and Phi Beta Kappa will co-sponsor a lecture by Professor Ted Cohen, University of Chicago, on Thursday, 19 April. Topic is "philosophical reflections on jokes and joking."

Evan Williams reported on Phi Beta Kappa at Dean Johnson's request. The society has elected 47 new members, including one alumnus, Robert Keugler, Religious Studies, 1979. Nine juniors were admitted, an especially distinguished honor. Students do not apply for selection; rather, we review the records of all students with GPA of 3.5 and higher. The society banquet will take place on 18 April.

President Mooney announced that Lech Walesa will be this year's commencement speaker.

Pamplin Society nomination requests will be in faculty mailboxes tomorrow, 5 April. Application deadline is Friday, 11 May.

Mike Sexton reminded the faculty that there will be an Admissions event this Saturday, 7 April.

Dean Johnson proceeded with his report:

1. CAP update. The subgroups have been meeting with relevant constituencies and will continue to do so through the semester. The purpose of these meetings (and of the commission's work as a whole) is to identify how the faculty thinks the College should develop over the coming 15 years, where it should build strengths and coherences, add to existing strengths and coherences, or develop in desired areas that are currently underdeveloped and that would improve overall coherence of

programs; and also identify areas that ought not to receive high priority in future development or be allowed to be phased out, if any exist. Divisional subgroups will be meeting with the individual departments in their respective divisions. Richard Rohrbaugh has been added to the Humanities subgroup. The subgroups are not keeping minutes as the nature of the work they are doing makes minute-keeping difficult and not especially useful. The process to be followed in the coming months is: 1) additional meetings with faculty and other constituencies; 2) sharing subgroup reports with full commission (later this semester) and then with faculty (probably next fall semester); 3) revision of reports and recommendations in light of faculty discussions.

2. Update on status of faculty searches: In addition to those already reported, the following searches have been concluded or nearly concluded.

French language and literature position
Japanese language and literature position
Biology position, developmentalist
Luce East Asian Position
Philosophy position
Pamplin Chair in Economics, Arthur O'Sullivan (Princeton U.) Has been selected.

The searches that are still in progress are:

Psychology-neuropsychologist
Biology-systematist
Political Science position
Computer Science position

In all, 17 searches were conducted this year. Dean Johnson thanked all those who participated.

3. Writing and Speaking Task Force. A proposal was brought to the Academic Council for a pilot program. Modifications were suggested, which are now being worked on. The proposed pilot program will be presented to the faculty probably in the fall. Work is expected to begin in the spring. Responding to a question, Dean Johnson stated that no immediate curricular changes are expected, and that any pilot program will not need faculty (i.e., curriculum committee) approval. Eventually, faculty will consider for approval any permanent program changes.
4. Please mark the dates on your calendars for:

Honor's convocation -- May 4, 1:30 p.m.
Commencement -- May 6, 10 a.m.
Nominations for Rena Ratte -- April 6
Other awards, including departmental honors -- April 13
5. Faculty retreat. See "New Business"

6. Parental Leave Policy update. Possible structures have been examined, along with their benefits and policies for their implementation. Since the Graduate and Law schools are also affected, they must be part of the decision process. Some tentative language has been developed, but needs more work before going forward.

A faculty member commented that no parental leave has yet been given to any male faculty, and suggested that since a de facto policy exists for women, one might be adopted for men. Dean Johnson responded that the college will continue the present approach for now. The questioner suggested negotiating with male faculty at the present time; President Mooney responded that this question cannot be decided within the CAS faculty since the policy must apply to all employees.

4. Reports of Standing Committees

1. **Committee on Promotion and Tenure**, Bob Goldman reporting: The committee's work has been completed, letters have gone out to the Dean and to all candidates. Professor Goldman thanked all who participated.
2. **Curriculum Committee**, Steve Hunt reporting: Music major curriculum and degree requirements have changed substantially; the new curriculum provides multiple tracks.

The committee is taking up the issue of 1/3-1/3-1/3 course distribution requirements. Does this requirement really exist, should it exist? Should there be a 60 credit-hour cap on courses in the major? What should be the general education requirement? National standards are shifting significantly. Are electives meant to provide breadth, or is this the function of general education requirements?

Library Committee. No report.

AAAS, John Krussel reporting. No major issues.

Educational Technology. No report.

5. Old Business. None.

6. New Business

Several ideas have been suggested for the August faculty retreat. Bruce Podobnik discussed a proposal for the theme of campus diversity, submitted by himself, Andrew Bernstein, John Callahan, Annie Dawid, Susan Kirschner, and Jose Villalobos. Another suggested theme has been information literacy, but advocates for this theme deferred to the diversity theme. Discussion ensued regarding the merits of both suggested themes, various concerns related to diversity, student and faculty recruitment strategies to foster diversity, and search committee and resource issues related to diversity. Jane Hunter offered a motion "that we devote the faculty retreat to a discussion of diversity at Lewis & Clark, to be narrowed down and focused by the diversity committee." Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned, 4:58 PM.