

College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2002

1. Approval of Minutes: Because there was no written account of the President's Report, approval of the November 6, 2002, minutes was deferred.

Correction: Under New Business, line 7 should read "making the department chair the chair".

2. President's Report:

1. On February 12 Trustee Jimmy Miller will turn 98. The Board will have its dinner close to his birthday.
2. Following this faculty meeting, a reception will be held in honor of Nicole Aas-Rouxparis. President Mooney congratulated her on being named the CASE Professor of the Year for Oregon.
3. Faculty and staff in the Faculty Office Building are preparing for their move. There will be a ceremony commemorating the years of teaching in the classroom buildings on December 12.
4. The next Faculty Forum will be held on December 12. Topics will be the College's identity statement and institutional budget planning (in response to Elliott Young's question at the November meeting regarding setting of priorities in the budget).
5. President Mooney reported on recent College successes:
 1. The debate team, led by Steve Hunt, is second in the nation. There are currently 55 students on the team. The team has requested more money to fund the large team, which speaks well for how engaged the team is.

2. Symposia have been of very high quality.

3. Dean's Report was sent electronically, but because of server problems, it did not go through prior to the meeting.

1. Upcoming review of Inventing America: There have been ongoing discussions about the course. It is timely to undertake another review, and the charge of the review is being formed. If anyone would like to participate on a committee charged with reviewing Inventing America, please contact Dean Johnson. The review will begin in Spring 2003 and continue through Fall 2003. The review charge, which will be very comprehensive, will be published once it has gone through the proper process.

2. The College is still under a tight budget situation. We are looking at all of our programs to see if there are ways to improve efficiencies and save money. This will be discussed at the Faculty Forum in December.
3. January 9-11, the Faculty Office Building will be vacated, and people will move to Albany. As there will be 12 fewer classrooms for spring semester, it would be helpful to schedule classes earlier or later in the day.
4. Faculty Handbook changes are being contemplated by the Academic Council. The chief worry was the suggestion that scholarship is no longer being encouraged because of the one-semester limit on junior sabbaticals. The modification being considered would allow a full-year leave (junior sabbatical and an additional semester's leave) in exchange for delaying the first senior sabbatical.

Academic Council sees no compelling reason why a third-year sabbatical leave cannot be taken by those who are ready to do so.

In addition, it became clear in the recent tenure litigation workshop that there are some issues in the handbook language that addresses tenure and promotion reviews that need to be clarified.

5. Following successful negotiation with Waseda University, the CESA (Collaborative Education and Study Abroad) Program will begin at the College. Perhaps 15 to 25 students will be studying at Lewis & Clark.

4. Committee Reports:

1. Committee on the Curriculum - Rich Peck, chair.

The committee has approved a modified version of the course proposals for the Academic English Studies Program (AES). Virtually all classes have been approved as 100- and 200-level English classes, with a cap of 24 credits allowed.

The committee is in the process of shaping the charge for the review of the sociology/anthropology department. In addition, discussions are underway regarding review of *Inventing America*. The calendar discussion has become a less pressing issue.

Discussion: It was explained that AES is a "departmentless" program. As this is a curriculum committee issue, it need not come before the whole faculty. Joann Geddes is the program director. Dean Johnson explained that the idea is to integrate ISALC more fully into the College. We need to target students at a higher level to come to Lewis & Clark. TOFEL scores and other admissions requirements must be met; it is a different method of recruiting.

President Mooney explained that we no longer attract and keep the same number of international students. When we changed from quarters to semesters, we did lose some students. Also, we have become an even more rigorous college, and it's harder to fit inadequately trained students into our curriculum. If we can recruit those students who really want to take our undergraduate degree, then it should work. We can't successfully compete with state colleges and others who recruit simply to learn some of the English language. We are trying to pull the international students in with the rest of the undergraduate college.

One faculty member expressed an uneasiness about the 24-credit-hour cap being equal to a minor. Dean Johnson responded that the debate in the Curriculum Committee was about how many credits should be allowed. One important issue was that unless there were six courses allowed, we couldn't recruit the students. Also, students with higher TOEFL scores would normally not take six ESL courses. It was pointed out that these students are paying full tuition and are taking these courses as electives. This is a redirection of ISALC, not a new program. The issue will be revisited in about two years.

2. Educational Technology - Deborah Heath, chair

1. A student representative is now serving on the committee.
2. The deadline for the instructional software is approached. Dr. Heath urged the faculty to think creatively.
3. There are problems with the demand on bandwidth on campus, with peer-to-peer programs probably taking up the most. Dan Terrio believes that adding more bandwidth won't solve the problem; there may be ways to treat computers in dorm rooms differently.
4. The committee discussed the document on information priorities drafted by Jim Kopp and Dan Terrio.

President Mooney noted that the downloading of music from the Internet is a huge problem - 75 percent of bandwidth is given over to "piracy," and now the industry is potentially coming after us. Adding more bandwidth won't solve the problem, and having dorms use their own servers is also problematic and may drive students off campus.

It was pointed out that this not only a legal issue, it is a moral issue. It was suggested that perhaps a symposium or some sort of dialogue be arranged with students, to include someone from the law school.

3. AAAS - Robert Eisinger, chair

Students have been petitioning the Academic Standing subcommittee, and it has met. The Honors and Awards subcommittee will do most of its work next semester.

4. Library Committee - Forrest Pierce, chair

The focus of the library committee has been on issues related to information priorities at the College. The document written by Jim Kopp and Dan Terrio is now on the Web, and faculty are encouraged to read it. "Models of Evolving Infospheres" is a particularly noteworthy section. Faculty were asked to send their responses to Greg Hermann, Jerusha Detweiler-Bedell, or Forrest Pierce.

The committee hopes to have concrete proposals to bring to the faculty by the end of the academic year.

One member asked if the library committee is evaluating collections of books. Dr. Pierce responded that the committee has not but that Dr. Kopp and his staff have been working on it.

One member noted that this is a very critical issue. It is important that the library committee focus squarely on collection development. He would like to have more of a dialogue about collection development. We are in a different place today than we were even a few years ago. What should we have on the shelf? Should we duplicate things that are at Reed or Portland State?

Dr. Kopp responded that we have a professional librarian, Sandy Beehler now whose focus is collection development. In the spring, the library committee will bring its analysis to the departments.

President Mooney suggested this could be the topic of a future Faculty forum. Analyses reveal that there is relatively little overlap between libraries.

5. New Business

1. President Mooney remarked that rumors of war have been on his mind. He challenged the faculty to come up with ideas for ways to promote public discourse on the issues at hand, encouraging a diversity of approach, opinions, and backgrounds.

Brian Detweiler-Bedell asked if there is a mechanism to create a one-unit credit lectures series course. It was noted that UCLA did that in response to Sept. 11, and it was an incredible success. President

Mooney suggested that Rebecca Copenhaver, Brian Detweiler-Bedell, and Elliott Young meet to continue this discussion.

2. Robert Eisinger asked that faculty members forward to him the name of one superstar student, any year, with whom he could work to apply for national scholarships and awards.
3. Jane Atkinson reminded the faculty to get book orders into the bookstore on time. It costs both the College and our students money if the orders are late.

Meeting adjourned.