

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 1998

Call to Order at 3:27

The minutes from the December 3, 1997 meeting were approved.

President's Report

The President was unable to attend. On his behalf, Jane Atkinson reported on two issues.

1. Faculty Voting Rights. The President will not approve the resolution passed at the last faculty meeting. His rationale will be presented in a letter to the Faculty. He offers to work with faculty to develop a mutually acceptable resolution.

2. Post Mortem on the recent media storm. The President will have more to say to the community on this matter. Thanks are offered.

A report was provided by Jean Kempe-Ware. We came away with no headline "School for Scandal". Thanks to the community for your professionalism in response to the media attention. Jean read several e-mails from around the world attesting to our newfound notoriety.

Dean's Report

1. Faculty will soon be receiving final draft of the College policy on students with learning disabilities.

In the past, students approached faculty to negotiate arrangements. Now we are adopting a more bureaucratic approach.

The student must now contact the Student Development Office requesting notification to specific faculty. Faculty should review requested accommodations; if there are concerns, contact Dale Holloway. Do not negotiate with the student. If things are OK, sign the form, and return it to Dale's office. The student must then approach faculty on specific needs for the course.

Feedback is requested on how the process is working.

Q: How should this procedure be modified for overseas programs?

A: No thought given as of yet to that problem.

2. Ten year accreditation. "Section 2" is now in draft form, and has been distributed to department chairs. Extra copies are available in the Dean's office. Forward comments to Deans or Department chairs, who will communicate them to Mervyn Brockett.

3. Anne Price has announced retirement plans. Thanks are given for her dedicated years of service. A job search is underway with an application deadline of March 6.

4. Please sign in to participate in the student recruitment phonathon. Other schools are doing a better job at faculty recruiting of students.

5. Should the snow day be made up? Give input to chairs.

6. The FAT lunch tomorrow is on leadership on international programs.

7. The Faculty handbook will be at the printer soon.

Announcements:

1. The upcoming ethics conference at Pacific Lutheran University is a Seven College function. Suggestions for future workshops and conferences are requested. Retreats to the coast, as in the days of yore, have been ruled out by puritanical Deans.

2. McDermott concert this weekend.

Pamplin world music festival next weekend.

Dubach inauguration February 22.

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1. Michael Sexton: Admissions status

Early action candidates need to be cultivated via the phonathon. Please sign up.

We are down 3% in total applicants; this seems to be something of a trend. Most places are close to flat.

The College Preview is February 13-15.

2. Steve Hunt: Proposed reintroduction of **Latin Honors** as per the attached motion.

John Callahan: Do other institutions have comparable cut offs?

Steve Hunt: This is fairly restrictive.

John Callahan: Might an overly restrictive policy lead students to avoid hard classes?

Steve Hunt: Other schools face same problem.

Bob Mandel: Why was Latin Honors discontinued in 1976?

Steve Hunt: Departmental honors substituted for college-wide.

David Savage: In partial response to grade inflation.

Curt Keedy: Also, the feeling was that there is more to honors than just grades; departments can evaluate this.

Matt Levinger: Supports Latin honors, but the cut offs may be a bit too restrictive, especially 3.95 for summa. Can we have a distribution requirement for summa?

Steve Hunt: Please propose amendments to committee before February 17.

David Savage: Can we see results for last three years? This data may reflect transfers.

Steve Hunt: For Summa, the data are: 1994-95: 5, 1995-96: 4, 1996-97: 4.

Klaus Engelhardt: Might a category of Rite Cum Laude be included to encompass more students?

Steve Hunt: Not considered.

Committee on the Curriculum :

Bill Randall: General education review meetings will be held the next two weeks, in Stamm West. The first meeting was quite productive. Please come and provide input.

Klaus Engelhardt: What kind of student input has there been?

Bill Randall: Currently only the SAAB representative on the Curriculum Committee. Other student input is welcome.

Adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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