

College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2003

1. Minutes of March 5, 2003, were circulated with April meeting agenda. Minutes approved.
2. No president's report.
3. Dean's Report

1. Faculty Awards. Congratulations to several faculty who have received noteworthy grants, awards, and scholarships for the coming year:

Kellar Autumn. Renewal of the DARPA award for research
Jane Hunter, Fulbright to China
Tatiana Osipovich, Fulbright to Russia
Tamara Perkins, National Science Foundation grant

If you have received a national grant or award not mentioned here, please inform the dean's office.

2. Teacher of the Year Award. Finalists this year were: Tatiana Osipovich, Rebecca Becker, Monica DeHart, and Janis Lochner. The recipient of this year's Teacher of the Year Award goes to: Janis Lochner. Congratulations!
3. Four faculty are retiring this year after many years of dedicated service to the College. They are:

Klaus Engelhardt, Professor of French
Bill Rottschafer, Professor of Philosophy
Vern Rutsala, Professor of English Literature
Michael Taylor, Associate Professor of Art

Dean Johnson asked the faculty to join him in thanking them for their years of dedication and wishing them well in their future pursuits.

4. Dean Johnson reminded the faculty to nominate first-year students who they think would make ideal Pamplin Fellows. The deadline to receive nominations is Friday, May 16th. At this point Angie McGinnis is willing to accept names provided the faculty member is willing to write a formal letter of nomination once Angie is able to verify the GPA for the year. The Society recognizes exceptional students who have demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence, service to others, and physical fitness, and whose conduct is marked by integrity and leadership. Academic excellence and leadership potential are probably the areas

faculty are most comfortable addressing; the nominees should address the other two criteria when they apply.

5. Dean Johnson also reminded the faculty to complete the newest survey from the Inventing America Task Force. Technically it is due tomorrow; but as of this morning, Angie McGinnis has received only 16 replies. She will resend the survey this afternoon.
6. Dean Johnson introduced Mike Sexton, dean of admissions, for an update on this fall's incoming class. There are 27 more deposits this year than at the same time last year. The size of the first-year class should be comparable; transfer deposits are double last year's. We will be at 100 percent capacity in the residence halls. The College was successful in reducing the amount of the average grant, but over 100 more people qualified for aid due to the economy.

The average GPA is up a tenth of a point, SAT scores are up, and academic quality is up. Ethnic minorities represent 14 percent of the admitted pool.

7. Faculty salary increases are included in the budget for next year. The structure of salaries has been explored by the Academic Council. Merit-based increase will be included, and the rank of assistant professor may be affected the most. These issues will be revisited over the next few years.
8. Academic Council has decided to join the Consortium for a Stronger Minority Presence (CSMP). Member institutions have first rights of job interviews and offers to Ph.D. candidates who are part of the consortium pool. These applicants report that liberal arts colleges are a much better fit than anticipated, creating a good success rate.
9. The focus of the recent accreditation visit was on institutional planning and assessment of learning outcomes. Our assessment progress is excellent, and we met the requirements of the earlier visit. Dean Johnson congratulated Harry Schleef and the faculty - Bob Owens, Janet Davidson, and Nick Smith -who worked with him for a job well done.

4. Committee Reports

1. Committee on the Curriculum - Rich Peck

Current information for the Curriculum Committee is available on the web.

1. The committee approved a new minor in computer science. Complete details of the minor are available on the website. As there did not seem to be any objections to creation of a minor, no vote was taken by the faculty.
2. The external review of Sociology/Anthropology was completed; the report states that the program needs to be strengthened.

3. The committee tried to put into place a process that would route position requests through the Curriculum Committee.
4. The committee approved departmental reviews for art and for mathematical sciences.
5. The committee began to take a look at departmental honors.

Dean Johnson thanked Dr. Peck for all of his hard work on the Curriculum Committee.

2. Honors Subcommittee of AAAS - Bethe Scalettar

These are very competitive scholarships, and faculty recommendation letters are very important as all of these students have a 3.8 or 3.9 GPA.

3. Committee on Promotion and Tenure - Jim Grant

The committee has made its recommendations to the dean, and letters will be delivered soon to candidates. Department chairs are notified only if the CPT's recommendation is different from that of the chair.

5. No Old Business.

6. New Business

1. Dean Johnson presented the motion for the conferral of degrees:

The Faculty of Lewis & Clark College, College of Arts and Sciences, recommends the conferring of the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science on students who, certified by the appropriate Department and the Office of the Registrar, have fulfilled all the requirements of the College and the Department/Program, for that degree. Said degree to be conferred at the Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 11, 2003, or such date in December 2002 or August 2003 as befits the circumstances of each individual student.

Motion carried.

2. Dean Johnson proposed a motion to make a motion plus a second for secret ballot non-debatable, non-votable. (This is a change to the by-laws, requiring a 2/3 vote of the faculty.) It is not the intention of this motion to close debate.

Motion carried.

7. Meeting adjourned.