

# **College of Arts and Sciences**

## **Faculty Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2000**

Dean Curtis Johnson convened the meeting at 3:20 p.m. in Miller 105. He announced that Evan Williams will be parliamentarian for the faculty meetings for this year, and thanked Steve Hunt for his past service in this role.

### **I. President's Report**

President Mooney announced that Jane Atkinson is heading up a transition team to determine the immediate and long-term uses of the Franciscan Renewal Center property, which has been acquired by the college. The planning requires a lengthy process: by the end of this year we have to go to the Portland Office of Planning and Development Review and then to City Council, in order to get this 18-acre parcel under our Master Plan.

Are we going to be able to keep the property? We think so; we'll soon make an announcement regarding a plan to help the Riverdale School District. Under this plan, they won't be using any of our property, though they will get limited use of our athletic facilities. This will be a much superior solution to their original idea of condemning all of the Franciscan renewal center property.

I have sent out to the faculty, in draft form, my charges to the commissions on academic priorities and on teaching. I have received several replies, for example, an extensive one from Bill Rottschaefer. Tom Schoeneman and I have chosen the members of teaching commission and we will be contacting these people soon. There is a concern in the air about teaching at liberal arts colleges -- it is a time of threats and opportunities. For example, I will soon be attending a conference on this issue sponsored by the Hewlett Foundation. The mission of the two commissions is a focused one; the larger issue is what is the purpose of the institution at large? These broader questions will be addressed by the faculty conversations, the first of which will be later this month. Please attend these conversations: they are critical to our future.

### **II. Dean's Report (deferred)**

### **III. Reports of Constitutional Committees**

#### **a. Committee on the Curriculum -- Steve Hunt**

Harvey Schmidt is participating in a review of the international studies program, a process that is continuing from last year. Lee Garrett is responsible for self-designed majors.

b. Library committee -- Jim Grant

Jose Villalobos is no longer on the committee; also, the committee still needs a student representative.

c. Educational Technology -- Erik Nilsen

The instructional software fund has \$5,000 available for software to be used in teaching. We also want to educate faculty members about technological toys available for teaching: e.g. the college has acquired a large-format printer that can print high-resolution images 3 feet wide, and up to 150 feet long. Also, there is a mimeo suction device for recording any notes that you write on the whiteboard.

d. AAAS -- John Krussel

The committee still needs a student member and an at-large member.

IV. Call to Executive Session

Dean Johnson, saying that he wished to discuss issues related to his individual conversations with faculty members over the summer, called for an executive session. For the remainder of the meeting, only members of the voting faculty were present in the room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.