Minutes - November 16, 2009 CAS Faculty Senate Meeting, 104 Gore Hall

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate Meeting
November 16, 2009 Agenda, 4 pm, 104 Gore Hall

Present: Pelesko, Braham, Meyer, Weber, Noble-Harvey, Hoffman, Amer, Miller, Busch, Bernstein, Sun, Tomioka, Burton, Rogers, Evensen, Towns, Skee, Szabo, Coleman, Moxley, Cherrin, Boyer, Pika, Watson, Ardis, Doren, Shenkle, Cleveland, Seraphin, Barrier, Selimov, Tusio (subst. for Bonham)
Absent: Ussery, Randolph, Chen, Browning, Kaufman, Ridge
Excused: Rocek, Holloway, Cakoni, Neal
Guests: Dean Michael Chajes

Meeting called to order at 4pm.

MINUTES
I. Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of the agenda for 11/16/09 meeting
   b. Approval of the minutes from 10/21/09 meeting
   c. Educational Affairs
      Add Honors BS Math ED
      Add Honors Quant Bio
      Add Honors AA Program
      Revision - BA English Prof Writing Concentration
      Add minor - Political Communication
      Revision - POSC ED Minor
      Revision - BA IR major concentrations
      Revision - BS HNRS IR major concentrations
      Revision - BA HNRS POSC Major Concentrations
      Revision - BA POSC Major Concentrations
      Revision - BS in Phys, Astronomy, Astrophysics concentrations
      Revision - Three Lang BAFL Major
      Revision - Spanish Studies Minor
      Add Major - Japanese Language Lit & Culture
      Add Major - Chinese Language, Lit & Culture
      Revision - PhD in BISC, Chem-Biology Interface Concentration
      Revision - PhD in BISC, Molecular Biology and Genetics Concentration
      Revision - MS in BISC, Molecular Biology and Genetics Concentration
      Revision - FLLT - EDUC 400 - Secondary Ed
      Add Major - Spanish Language & Culture
      Revision - Spanish Studies Major

Passed as presented.

II. Comments about the Dean's Search (Dean Michael Chajes, Chair of Search Committee)
The Search Committee has received approximately 100 applications and is starting review soon. Airport interviews will be held in January for approximately eight candidates with the goal of securing 2-4 candidates for campus interviews in late February. The Committee will forward its recommendation to
the Provost in or around the second week of March. Dean Chajes invited A&S perspectives and feedback and encouraged attendance at the campus interviews. In response to a question about whether concerns can be raised with the Search Committee, Dean Chajes said that he will send a list of Search Committee names and emails to John Pelesko for forwarding to faculty.

III. President’s Remarks (John A. Pelesko)
Educational Affairs is making an effort to separate out from the Consent Agenda any item with
1) clear resource implications for College or
2) clear College-wide curricular implications.
Representatives from the departments making proposals are asked to attend in case of questions.

IV. Special Information Session (Margaret Andersen)
Andersen noted that last year’s University-wide Diversity Task Force generated 92 recommendations. Provost Tom Apple has prioritized those pertaining to academic affairs, and Andersen is assisting in trying to implement some of the recommendations. The top priority is recruiting and retaining a more diverse faculty, and Andersen has been meeting with all chairs of ongoing faculty searches. Bridge funds may be available from the Provost’s Office in cases where a need is identified. For more information phone Andersen at x1509.

V. Dean’s Remarks (George Watson)
Watson presented the measurable Y10 goals he has established for the College (Attachment). Maggie Andersen clarified that an ADVANCE grant was submitted in November to support women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. In response to a question about potential sites for the newly constituted Center for Political Communication, Watson said a decision will be announced soon.

VI. Business Arising from Standing Committees
a. Educational Affairs

- MALS - Program Changes Approved 20-0-0
- New Grad Degree - PSM in Biotechnology - part 1 part 2 Approved 20-0-0
- New Grad Certificate - Biotechnology - part 1 part 2 Approved 20-0-0
- BAMS - Department Consideration Approved 20-0-0
- WOMS - Department Consideration Approved 19-0-1

b. COCAN - Alex Selimov welcomed as At-Large-Senator
c. Advisement & Retention - Eric Rise would like input on the mission and charge of the committee; please direct any input to John Pelesko or Eric Rise.

VII. Announcements
- There needs to be a quorum for the December 14 meeting.
- The Special Information Session at the December meeting will be on Professional Masters degrees.