Regular Meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate
Monday, February 18, 2013, 4 pm
104 Gore Hall

Present: Fred Adams (substituting for Arild Hestvik, Linguistics), Jay Halio (substituting for Gutman, Jewish Studies), Kate Rogers (substituting for Hanley, Philosophy), Grant Wolf, substituting for Leslie Criston, ELI), Allen, Barrier, Bernhardt, Cassman, Cotsell, Coulter, Cubillos, Doren, Evenson, Guerron-Montero, Hayes, Kaminski, Jaeger, Lees, Lobasz, Matson, McKenna, Nauen, Okpotor, Payne, Perez, Ridge, Robinson, Selminov, Tychinski, Young, Watson, Wolf

Absent: Batchis, Boyer, Jung

Excused: Haslett, Schwartz, Skeen

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

1. Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of the agenda for 2/18/13 meeting - approved as presented.
   b. Approval of the minutes from 12/17/12 meeting - approved as written.

2. President's Remarks (Alex Selimov)
   President Selimov pointed out the need to reserve time for extended remarks by the Dean

3. Dean's Remarks (George Watson)
   Dean Watson spoke at length about the college budget issues and assessment. He also informed the group that he will begin discussions with department chairs regarding assigning faculty advisors within departments for students in their disciplines.

4. Business Arising from Standing Committees
   a. Educational Affairs

   An issue discussed at the February Steering Committee meeting was whether proposals for new minors should begin to include a statement about how students declaring the minor would be advised. As a result the Educational Affairs committee was charged with making a recommendation to the Senate.

   Committee chair Brian Ackerman advised the Senate that as part of the information-gathering process, Cindi Shenkle (Senior Assistant Dean in A & S Undergraduate Academic Services) informed the committee that numerous departments and interdisciplinary programs have an advisement contact person for their minors posted on the College's advisement site. In essence, the policies for advisement of minors are already in place. Changing the process for proposing new minors would therefore simply be a matter of informing people who generate new proposals to state who the contact person will be for advisement. The committee would just have to make
faculty aware of the existence of the policy and to provide the necessary information. Senators
could assist by informing the faculty in their departments that there is an advisement system in
place.

The Committee made the following recommendation:

"New proposals for minors (and existing programs due for renewal) should explain how students
should (will) be advised."

Motion to approve: 27 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions

5. Unfinished Business. None.


7. Announcements – Senators were reminded to fill out the ballots to vote for Senators at large.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.