

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate
Minutes of Meeting Monday, September 22, 2008

Present: J. Brockmann, T. Davis, T. Seraphin, T. Apple, G. Watson, D. Doren, S. Austin, C. Shenkle, K. Ackerman, J. Weber, J. Noble-Harvey, H. Busch, J. Bernstein, B. Bruening, J. Pelesko, R. Hanley, G. Hicks, C. Skeen, K. Turkel, M. Rosenberg
Excused: A. Coleman, M. Brueckner, S. Burton

1. Minutes/Agenda

President John Brockman waived approval of past minutes, and asked for approval of the day's agenda. Unanimously approved.

2. Remarks by President John Brockmann

He welcomed everyone, asked them to take ideas and information back to their respective departments and in turn bring ideas to the Faculty Senate from these departments. He introduced Ed Affairs President Tony Seraphin and COCAN Chair Ted Davis.

3. Remarks by Dean Tom Apple

Dean Tom Apple discussed the college's strategic plan, available at <http://www.art-sci.udel.edu/kb/CASStrategicPlan/tabid/785/Default.aspx>. The plan is still being revised and the Dean encouraged suggestions from faculty. The plan includes three specific commitments: to advance knowledge in the human and natural sciences, to prepare stewards of the various disciplines, and to challenge students to master critical thinking and communication skills. While keeping disciplinary strengths, he also encouraged colleges and departments to grow in cross disciplinary areas because many of today's problems require multi-disciplinary solutions. The college eventually will turn these basic statements into development plans for friends of the university, alumni, and foundations.

4. Demonstration of Sharepoint for the CAS Faculty Senate (Dave Dyar, IT)

Dave Dyer demonstrated the Sharepoint software that will allow committees to share information and documents without the use of paper. Similar to Sakai, it requires users to login to access the work space (<https://collaborate.udel.edu/facsenate/>). The welcome screen includes quick, relevant information and links to the committees and subcommittees the individual has access to.

5. Educational Affairs

The following changes were introduced and approved by a vote of 18 with 1 abstention:

- Revisions - BA CHEM degree
- Revisions - BA XCE degree
- Revisions - BS BIOG degree
- Revisions - BS CHEM degree
- Approval of move of Physical Therapy to College of Health Sciences

6. Announcements (attachment)

- Policy on Senate attendance--An amendment to the bylaws, Section V, No. 4, was approved. It reads: "Any senator, who has more than two unexcused absences from Senate meetings in any one semester, shall be deemed to have forfeited office. When a vacancy occurs, the respective department chair will be notified and asked to provide a replacement."
- Officers needed: president-elect and senate secretary

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

A number of proposed changes to the senate bylaws were introduced and reviewed. President John Brockmann encouraged members to carefully review these changes before they come up for a vote at the October meeting. The changes are available on the Faculty Senate website at <http://www.art-sci.udel.edu/September2008CASAgenda/tabid/792/Default.aspx>

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn approved and seconded.