

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate
April 27, 2009
104 Gore Hall
4:00

Agenda

Attending: Brockmann, Davis, Watson, Ardis, Browning, Austin, Shenkle, Cleveland, Sloane-White , Meyer, Weber, Noble-Harvey, Ridge, Mortenson, Case, Beiler, Busch, Levia, Bernstein, Tomioka, Pelesko, Cakoni, Demont, Owocki, Cohen, Rise, Szabo, Coleman, Miller, Seraphin, Chen, Ussery, Bonham, Neal, Wilson, Bernstein

Excused: Rosenberg

Absent: Johnson, Turkel

MINUTES

1. Minutes from the March meeting approved, with the correction of Nobile Harvey being changed to attending.

2. Agenda was approved.

3. Interim Dean George Watson remarks:

Watson announced the college award winners: Ann Ardis (scholarship) Cort Willmott (service), Ralph Begleiter (Teaching), and Ben Yagoda (Advising). Of the four University of Delaware undergraduate advisement awards given to faculty, A&S received three (Deborah Beiler, Peter Rees, April Vaness) and we received one UD teaching award (Terrence Harvey). Watson then opened the floor for questions. Nobel-Harvey asked about the status of UD Online and it was explained that special sessions will be a stand-alone unit. Online teaching courses will be the responsibility of the deans and the department chairs in the coming year. Compensation for online teaching is driven by the collective bargaining unit. As of July 1, Special Sessions, the Associate in Arts Program, Professional Continuing Studies Program, and UD Online will all be turned over to the Dean of the respective colleges to oversee. Noble Harvey asked about the compensation issues and Watson said the number of courses would be capped and there would be additional sections added as needed. Brockman asked why the faculty hadn't been consulted prior to this decision on a procedure change. There was concern voiced that the directives are coming from the Provost and Deans and faculty are informed. Watson explained that the chairs are kept informed and it is expected that they will pass the information along to their faculty. The dean's office and the chairs of departments will be working together to determine course offerings in the coming year.

A question about the anticipated state funding cuts came up and Watson said that there are still too many uncertainties to discuss actual cuts. Until the state announces its actual percentage of cuts and stipulations regarding those we won't know for sure how bad (or good) it will be. He anticipates some colleges will take up to an 8% cut, but isn't anticipating that for the Arts & Sciences.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Promotion & Tenure: Marian Palley reported that 23 people were up for promotion this year and of them, 22 were promoted. She thanked the departments for providing well organized dossiers which made the committee's job much easier. The P&T Committee is in the process of reviewing the guidelines for Promotion & Tenure from departments that were scheduled for review this year.
- b. Committee on Committees and Nominations – Ted Davis reported that most of the positions on committees have been filled. He still needs one person from the natural sciences for the P&T committee, someone to chair the COCAN committee and someone from the floor nominated Ted Davis for president-elect. He accepted and a vote (unanimously in favor of) was taken, making him President-Elect for 2009/2010. The open office of COCAN will be voted on in May.
- c. Ed Affairs
 1. Breadth Requirement – Proposal to change D Requirement Title. Tony Seraphin explained that the proposal committee voted and it will be added to the UD Senate docket. Noble-Harvey asked if the list of courses that would fall under these requirements been coordinated yet? Shenkle said there will be a course list that is approved by all colleges. There will be one UD list which will have 12 course requirements. CAS will be able to assign our own courses. Rise asked when the new requirements will be in place and it was determined Fall 2010. Departments will be solicited this year for implementation in 2010.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business

- a. Change in bylaw wording in Section VI, Article 1 to should include the word “move” in the second sentence. Pelesko pointed out that when Geography moved it was not in the bylaws to vote. He proposed above change for a vote at the May meeting.
- b. Procard concern – Stan Owocki voiced concern about the new procurement process. His department is concerned that the new procedures were put into place with little concern for faculty travel, particularly on outside funding. Watson explained that Ms. Reese from Procurement services met with the chairs and listened to their concerns and noted that Dr. Barteau in the research office has also been actively discussing the issues with her as well. Many of the initial issues have been resolved. Paul Pusecker in the Dean's office has been tasked with collecting concerns and acting as the liaison between the college and Procurement. He encouraged Prof. Owocki to contact Pusecker. Brockmann asked that Owocki report back to the senate at the May meeting with his findings.

7. **Announcements: The May meeting will be held on May 18 and in 127 Memorial Hall.**

8. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Cleveland