

**College of Arts and Sciences
Meeting of the Assembly
November 20, 2012
Oakland Center, Gold Room B**

Minutes

Members present: *Berven, D., Berven, K., Boyer, Connery, Dvir, Eis, Estes, Grimm, Grossman, Hastings, Knox (for Wiggins), Lombard, Lombardo, Meehan, Pfeiffer, Reger, Roth, Spagnuolo, Tardella, Turett, Wood*

Members absent: *Bull, Clason, Dulio, Giberson, Graves, Lau, Lorca, Rosenthal, Wang*

Ex-officio present: *Jhashi, Moore, Stewart*

1. Call to Order

Acting Dean Jhashi called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes, Meeting of September 25, 2012

Before calling for approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2012, Interim Dean Jhashi explained that the CAS Executive Committee had discussed at length the minutes originally submitted pertaining to the September 25 meeting. The committee had decided that from now on, the minutes should be in a format in which summaries of Assembly meeting discussions would be provided without the names of the speakers attached to the comments that were recorded. The minutes of September 25 had been submitted to the CAS Executive committee in the usual narrative format, but as a result of the CAS Executive Committee decision and at the request of Interim Dean Jhashi, the September 25 minutes were subsequently redone by the secretary in order to conform to this decision. The redone minutes were the minutes presented to Assembly members for approval at this November meeting. A lengthy discussion followed Ms. Jhashi's announcement about the new format, at the end of which the consensus was to return to the traditional narrative-style format. For this reason, the minutes presented at the September 25 meeting were not approved. The September 25 minutes will be resubmitted for approval at the next Assembly meeting in the usual narrative form.

3. Approval of the Minutes, Meeting of October 16, 2012

The minutes of the October 16, 2012, meeting were approved, with the following amendment. Under **Good and Welfare**, Ms. Pfeiffer asked that the sentence "Kathy Pfeiffer noticed that English was not listed as a department to be housed in the new building, but said it should be" should be amended to read: "Kathy Pfeiffer noticed that English was not listed as a department to be housed in the new building, although Cinema Studies was." (motion by Grossman, second by Berven, K.)

4. Resolution: Rename the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work to the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice

Mr. Meehan said that his department has two new majors that have grown out of concentrations. The department has grown by design, and is now a department of four majors. He pointed out that

the department was unanimously in favor of the name change to represent these four majors. Mr. Grossman asked if the faculty members in this department would be titled by using one of the names listed in the name of the department, as is done with his department of Mathematics and Statistics (where faculty members are titled professor of Mathematics, professor of Statistics, for example). Mr. Meehan replied that faculty members in his department would be titled in a similar manner. A motion was made and seconded and was unanimously approved.

5. College Updates

- Ms. Jhashi announced that the search firm for the CAS Dean search was hired today. They will be on campus on December 6 to meet with the various constituencies within the CAS. The meetings will be held in Lake Superior Room A of the Oakland Center, with meeting times to be announced.
- Ms. Jhashi reported that after the discussion of the restructuring of the CAS had taken place, she asked Associate Dean Moore and Associate Dean Stewart to meet with chairs to see if there was enough interest in the idea of reorganization, and there was. For this reason, Ms. Jhashi wants to form a College Reorganization Advisory Group. She asked for volunteers or nominations of faculty members to serve on this committee, with two representatives from each area in the CAS, for a total of about eight committee members. The intent of the committee will be to study where the CAS is now, what the structure is like now, and to look at models of peer institutions that have separate Colleges. She and Mr. Stewart had gone to a meeting where there was a panel on the subject of restructuring. She is interested to know if there is another model that would work better. She would like the committee to be formed by the end of the semester. Mr. Grossman pointed out that according to Robert's Rules, this would be an *ad hoc* committee, so the Executive Committee should create this committee. Also, he pointed out that if the restructuring were to occur, the College will have to vote to dissolve itself. Ms. Reger said that there should be a representative on this committee from the independent programs as well.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (secretary)

