

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ASSEMBLY

Minutes (*DRAFT*)

Meeting of 21 September 2004

Gold Room C, Oakland Center

Attendance

Present: *Wallis Andersen, Linda Benson, Dikka Berven, Keith Berven, Peter Binkert, Ferman Chavez, Curt Chipman, Mary Eberle, Jane Eberwein, Jerrold Grossman, Jeffrey Insko, Abdi Kuso, George Martins, Lawrence Lilliston, Emmett Lombard, Don Matthews, Carl Osthaus, Mark Rigstad, Sam Rosenthal, Jennifer Law Sullivan, Joe Shively, Susan Wood*

Absent: *Arik Dvir, Dick Goody, Jude Nixon, Irwin Schochetman, Linda Schweitzer, Richard Stamps*

Ex Officio Present: *David Downing, Kathy Moore*

1. Call to order

Dean Downing convened the meeting at 3:30.

2. Introductions

After Dean Downing welcomed the members to the new year, members introduced themselves to the group.

3. Approval of minutes from the meeting of April 6, 2004

Moved to approve the minutes from April 6, 2004 (Susan Wood). Supported. Approved unanimously as presented.

4. Election to the Executive Committee (four vacancies: Humanities, Mathematics/Science, Social Sciences and At Large.)

Kellie Hay of the elections committee distributed the ballots, counted them, and announced the results for the area representatives. Balloting for the At Large position followed. Members elected to the executive committee are: Carl Osthaus, Mary Eberle, Jerry Grossman. Larry Lilliston and Peter Binkert tied for At-Large representative; Larry Lilliston conceded.

5. The reappointment of the Secretary and Parliamentarian

Walli Andersen was reappointed as secretary and Jerry Grossman as parliamentarian.

6. Approval of recommended members for Graduate Studies Committee

Moved to approve the recommended members for the Graduate Studies Committee as follows (Jane Eberwein). Supported. Approved unanimously.

Seigo Nakao (Language/Literature); Cynthia Sifonis (Social Sciences); Eddie Cheng (At Large); Dave Dulio (At Large)

Chair for Graduate Studies Committee: Keith Berven

Continuing members: Jacqueline Wiggins, 2003-2005 (Humanities); Keith Berven, 2003-2005 (Mathematics/Science)

7. Approval of recommended members for the Committee on Instruction

Moved to approve the recommended members for the Committee on Instruction as follows (Carl Osthaus). Supported. Approved unanimously.

Claude Baillargeon (Humanities); Ingrid Rieger (Language/Literature); Thad Grudzien (Mathematics/Science)

Chair for Committee on Instruction: Michael Mitchell

Continuing members: Cynthia Schellenbach, 2003-2005 (Social Sciences); Thomas Discenna, 2003-2005 (At Large); Michael Mitchell, 2003-2005 (At Large)

8. Approval of recommended member for the Elections Committee

Moved to approve the recommended member for the Elections Committee as follows (Mary Eberle). Supported. Approved unanimously.

Sylvie Lombardo (Social Sciences)

Continuing member: Kellie Hay (Humanities)

9. Budget and positions update

Dean Downing provided current information on the OU budget; he had hoped to have more definitive information, but the president has not released the budget. FY 05 for the state is still under consideration in Lansing. So far indications are that the “deal” that in exchange for fee/tuition cap the state will give back 2% is still holding. Oakland’s budget is predicated on this proposal. Last year the 5% one-time and 2% permanent cuts were absorbed above the department level. Oakland’s F05 budget contains no incremental faculty positions (only replacements for retirements/resignations). Dean Downing thinks that’s about six new and an equal number of visiting positions.

Question: What about the carry-forward searches from last year? Dean Downing will let people know.

10. Update on Celebrating the Liberal Arts: Presidential Leadership

Establishing an annual theme for the College evolved during the chairs’ retreat three years ago which focused on the distinguishing characteristics of OU, Vision 2010, and how to implement the plans. Of the six tactics, the two lead tactics for CAS are undergraduate involvement in research and creative endeavors and increasing the number of cooperative/ internship experiences; the third is clustering courses around meaningful themes. Last year the Dickins conference provided a focus; the current year’s theme is Presidential Leadership. The Social Sciences departments pulled together the program events; a complete list is on the CAS Web page. Establishing themes has brought about meaningful collaboration among Academic and Student Affairs, Meadow Brook Hall, and Kresge Library. The themes have also sparked large community involvement. This year’s activities include the Doris Kearns Goodwin distinguished lecture and the RCJ community book The Press Effect, whose author Kathleen Hall Jamieson will speak on campus November 29. The programs have a strong academic component: each of the departments most affected by the theme will have faculty doing lectures or other public activities. The overarching theme is “celebrating the liberal

arts.” The planning committee for next year’s theme on the environment is at work; Mark Rigstad is a member of the committee.

11. Meeting of Minds

Kathy Moore reported that OU is hosting the 13th MOM on Friday April 15. She has reserved virtually all of the OC and is looking into using performance spaces and MBAG. After the basic planning meeting with the other two schools’ representatives this week, she will be pulling together a faculty committee to work on the details (Robby Stewart will continue on committee). Kathy is looking for committee volunteers, and wants to do more “flashy” publicity to get more attention, especially to encourage students. Recipients of university undergraduate research awards from the Provost (\$1000 + possibly \$500 for travel) may be required to make an MOM presentation. At the tenth MOM, 14 of 15 CAS departments had representation. Kathy is hoping for more participation from the Schools this year; Dean Downing has asked each dean to appoint a member to the planning committee.

12. Good and Welfare

Jane Eberwein explained that this agenda item provides members an opportunity to issue invitations, etc., and to get some action or move ahead on matters of concern which members are not sure how to get on the agenda. The Assembly then can direct the Executive Committee to steer the topic to the appropriate standing committee, or other action location, and report back to the Assembly.

Mark Rigstad: for the 2005-06 theme on environment, he is looking for volunteer lecturers from OU; Assembly members are also encouraged to forward suggestions for speakers from the community. Monthly interdisciplinary talks will be part of the programming.

Peter Binkert: The Assembly needs to consider implementation of the new General Education program, especially how to afford it.

Kathy Moore would like to see more prominence for the graduate program profile of the College. She is open to creative ideas, perhaps interdisciplinary activities, certificates. (Linguistics’ ESL endorsement for teachers is very successful, for example.)

13. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.