

College of Arts and Sciences
Meeting of the Assembly
February 17, 2015
Minutes

Members present: *Andrews, Berven, D., Berven, K., Chapman, Cheng, E., Chong, Clark, Dulio, Eis, Epstein, Guest, Hastings, Law-Sullivan, LaRock, Levinson, Miller, Pfeiffer, Roth, Sanders, Srauy, Wang, Wendell*

Members absent: *Asmussen, Corso, Goody, Grimm, Hansen, Martic, Purdie, Roberts*

Ex-Officio present: Corcoran, Stewart, Hitt

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes October 28, 2014

The minutes of October 28, 2014 were approved (Eis, Guest).

III. CAS Presentation Day for Undergraduate Admissions: “Recruiters, Advisers & Faculty: Bringing the best students possible to OU”—Follow-up

Associate Dean Stewart reported on the workshop “Recruiters, Advisers and Faculty” at which the focus was on the messages that should be taken by recruiters and admissions people out to the high schools in order to bring the best possible students to OU. He said that parents and prospective students do not necessarily have the same ideas and values that faculty members do. He asked faculty members to bring their stories about what students and majors in the CAS do after they graduate because this information can be very useful to recruiters, as well as useful at the “Go for the Gold” event on campus. He observed that the general public does not necessarily understand the variety and value of majors in the CAS. He said that parents are very interested in hearing success stories about majors from the CAS. Assembly members then discussed at length the importance but also the difficulty of keeping in contact with our graduates in order to learn what they are doing after they leave Oakland University.

IV. OU Strategic Plan

Dean Corcoran informed Assembly members that volunteers have been requested for the six committees that are being formed to work on the Strategic Plan, which has three basic goals (focus on teaching, research and community engagement). There will be a committee devoted to each of these interrelated goals, as well as three task forces focused on institutional processes, budget and shared governance. He encouraged CAS faculty members to volunteer for these committees. He has asked CAS departments to think about the Strategic Plan and give him their ideas of what they want to do in their

departments. The Board of Trustees will meet to vote on the Strategic Plan on March 6, so that is a deadline to think about. As far as the amount of work involved in serving on one of these committees, he said this may depend on what the committee makes of their work. Mr. Andrews said that it would be helpful if volunteers would indicate when they volunteer if they would be willing to serve on more than one committee. Also, he noted that there is an effort to involve more and diverse people to form well-balanced committees.

V. Informational Items

- Mr. Corcoran announced that on March 3, Provost Lentini will be giving an update on Academic Affairs in Meadowbrook Theatre.
- Assistant Dean Sandy Dykstra reported that class wait listing will be effective as of the upcoming registration terms, and that faculty might want to consider which courses they want to consider to be wait listed and which courses they do not. Students will be informed by email if a space opens up in a class for which their name is on the wait list, and then they will have 24 hours to respond. If they don't respond, the space will automatically go to the next person on the list, who will be informed by email.
- She also reported that the CAS Committee on Instruction approved three minors, to be effective as of the next catalog. One is from Women and Gender Studies in LGBTQ Studies and the other two are from Communication and Journalism in Relational Communication and Interactive and Social Media.

VI. Good and Welfare

- Mr. Corcoran updated the Assembly on the searches going on in Student Affairs, Graduate Study and for the Dean of the Library.
- He informed members that Jay Meehan has stepped down as chair of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice. Dennis Condron is serving as interim chair for the rest of the year.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (secretary)