

College of Arts and Sciences
Minutes of the MEETING OF THE ALL-COLLEGE ASSEMBLY
October 16, 2012
Oakland Center, Gold Room B

Members present: *Berven, D., Berven, K., Boyer, Connery, Dvir, Eis, Estes, Giberson, Grimm, Grossman, Hastings, Lau, Lombard, Lombardo, Lorca, Meehan, Pfeiffer, Reger, Rosenthal, Roth, Spagnuolo, Tardella, Turett, Wang, Wiggins, Wood, Zeng*

Members absent: *Clason, Dulio, Graves*

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the All-College Assembly was called to order by Acting Dean Tamara Jhashi at 3:30 p.m.

2. Presentation of Marian P. Wilson Award to Susan Wood (Art and Art History)

Sara Williams (History) presented the Marian P. Wilson award to Susan Wood (Art and Art History) for her article "Caracella and the French Revolution: A Roman Tyrant in Eighteenth-Century Iconography." The article was published in the *Memoirs of the American Academy of Rome*, appearing in vol. 55 of the journal in April 2011. Ms. Williams reported that submissions this year came from faculty members in the Humanities in the areas of Art and Art History, History, Music Theatre and Dance, and Philosophy. She added that committee members this year included Professors Tamara Jhashi (Art and Art History), David Kidger (MTD), and herself (History). She indicated that submissions were evaluated with respect to the following criteria: focus, organization, cohesiveness of argumentation, clarity, integration of ideas, grace of ideas and expression, and documentation appropriate to the discipline. Ms. Williams stated that committee members selected Professor Wood's article based upon the strength, clarity and scholarly depth of her arguments, as well as the polished, clever persuasiveness of her writing.

3. Presentation of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Engagement Awards to Dan Clark and Darrell Schmitt

Acting Dean Jhashi made the presentation of the Arts and Sciences Engagement Awards to Dan Clark and Darrell Schmidt. She made the following statements regarding their accomplishments in the area of student engagement:

Dan Clark

In grateful recognition of your engagement with students through your support of the Oakland chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (PAT), the national History honor society, for the past decade; for the leadership you have shared with these students resulting in this chapter being honored as the "Best Chapter in the Nation" for a university of our size; for your willingness to accompany studies to various PAT regional conferences and to host this conference on our campus; for your scholarship activities that combined

academic expertise with a commitment to create community partnerships through which oral histories of those who were active in the Polish resistance in World War II might be collected; for your guidance, technical expertise and encouragement that assisted Adam Hobart, an Oakland undergraduate history major, to gain recognition for writing papers worthy the Nels Andrew Cleven Prize for the best PAT paper for two years running; and for your tireless efforts in mentoring graduate students, many who then teach in high schools in the communities surrounding Oakland University.

Darrell Schmidt

In grateful recognition of your engagement with students through your support of the Tutoring Center via personal, on-site extra office hours each week; for your guidance and development of student tutors working with mathematics students at the Tutoring Center; for your twenty year involvement as an (unsung) heroic “back grader” with the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition which focuses on Michigan’s talented high school students; for your coaching of Oakland University students on the Putnam Exam Team as they prepare for the prestigious national undergraduate competition; for your participation in the national evaluation of the calculus AP exam; for your leadership in reform of calculus and other mathematics classes to include “real world” applications and “team work” via engaging group projects; and for your quiet modeling of an exemplary faculty life to your colleagues across the university.

4. College Update

Ms. Jhashi provided the 2012 update of the CAS with a power point presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the departments and faculty members of the CAS, and emphasized how these accomplishments fit in with the OU Role and Mission Statement.

- She provided statistics to show how the CAS stands out within the university in terms of new faculty, new programs, department areas of distinction, and objectives for 2012/2013.
- She indicated that the Provost search has begun, chaired by David Dulio. She was glad to say that the CAS is well-represented on the Provost search committee.
- She announced that the CAS Dean search committee is chaired by Todd Shackelford, and the search has begun.
- She informed us that there are 18 new faculty in the CAS, a total of 288 full-time faculty members, and over 300 part-time faculty members. A total of 17 new faculty positions have been approved for the CAS for next year, for which search committee training has already begun under the direction of Laura Schovan.
- She distributed a handout that showed CAS enrollments, and said that one area that should be particularly highlighted for their growth is the Department of Biological Sciences, which has 931 biology majors. This number represents an 81% increase over five years, and she acknowledged Biology Chair Arik Dvir for the department’s great success in attracting students.
- Ms. Jhashi pointed out that graduate programs show declining enrollments, but areas of growth include the Biomedical Sciences, Communication and the MPA, among others.

- Enrollments increased overall within the university from last year, and a huge proportion of credit hours are delivered by the CAS. The CAS is responsible for an impressive 62% of credit hours at OU, and tuition generated by this is 58% of tuition overall.
- She noted that the Department of Biological Sciences within the CAS is actually larger than SECS, SON and SHS. Similarly, the Departments of Mathematics and Statistics, Psychology, and Writing and Rhetoric (FYES) are each larger than the School of Computer Sciences and Engineering.
- There are new programs in the CAS: Graphic Design in Art and Art History, B.S. in Biomedical Sciences, B.A. in Criminal Justice, as examples.
- The highlights of activities and accomplishments within the CAS will be found on the CAS website.
- The CAS theme for 2012/2013 is “Creative and Critical Minds.”
- With regards to capital outlay plans, a proposal for the Media, Arts and Social Sciences building has been presented to the Board of Trustees, and now Ms. Jhashi would like to talk to chairs of the departments that would be housed in the building to discuss their needs with her.

5. Acting Dean’s Objectives

Ms. Jhashi explained what her philosophy as Acting Dean will be, saying that she likes the Service/Leadership philosophy based upon listening, gaining awareness of needs, foresight, stewardship, consensus-building, and a commitment to the growth of people in their profession.

6. Good and Welfare

- Kevin Grimm announced that Kathy Pfeiffer had received a Kresge grant.
- Robby Stewart said that Joi Cunningham will be doing a survey of students to determine what athletic teams they wish Oakland University had that we do not have already. This survey is mandated by the NCAA.
- Kevin Grimm asked whether there was a timeline on the planning process for the new building, and said that he is presently teaching in the new Human Health Building in a room that has a variety of problems that make teaching rather difficult. Sandy Dykstra said that there had been a space issue, and that Mr. Grimm was not teaching in a room that was actually planned for teaching, and when they transformed it into a classroom, the fact that it had not originally been planned for teaching became obvious.
- Kathy Pfeiffer noticed that English was not listed as a department to be housed in the new building, but said it should be. Also, she was interested to know if the Provost and Dean searches would include internal candidates. Ms. Jhashi said that they would do so.
- Jerry Grossman asked whether when the new Engineering building is done, will the Engineering people leave Dodge Hall so that the CAS can reclaim their space. Keith Berven said that he hoped that efforts would be made to get Engineering to move out of both Dodge and Hannah Hall when they get their new building.

- Daniel Lorca reported that construction noise in O’Dowd Hall is incredible, and he wanted to know if there is anything that can be done about this. Mr. Stewart said that he would discuss this with Mr. Rose of the construction team.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Jhashi adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven