

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ASSEMBLY

Minutes

Meeting of 16 March 2004

OAKLAND ROOM

Attendance

Present: *Wallis Andersen, Robert Anderson, Dikka Berven, Keith Berven, Peter Binkert, Art Bull, Chris Clason, Jerrold Grossman, Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, Jay Meehan, Karen Miller, Ingrid Rieger, Sam Rosenthal, Brad Roth, Jack Tsui, Susan Wood, Jill Zeilstra*

Absent: *Abdi Kuso, Lawrence Lilliston, Michael Mitchell, Sean Moran, Carl Osthaus, Michelle Piskulich, Mark Rigstad, Irwin Schochetman, Linda Schweitzer, Xiangqun Zeng*

Ex Officio Present: *David Downing, William Macauley, Mary Papazian*

1. Call to order

Dean Downing convened the meeting at 3:40.

2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of March 2, 2004.

Moved to approve the minutes from March 2, 2004 (Susan Wood). Supported.

Approved unanimously as presented.

5. Second reading of Religious Studies Proposal

Moved to create a program in religious studies with specific minors in Judaic, Christianity, and Islamic Studies (Jay Meehan). Supported. 2nd reading. Approved unanimously as presented.

discussion points:

The executive committee discussed the grammatical concern raised at the last meeting and made no recommendation.

Members of the Assembly having no further comment, the question was called.

4. Reapportionment of Assembly representation among College electoral units.

Moved to reapportion the 14 elected members of the Assembly by moving one representative from Mathematics and Statistics to Language and Literature (Peter Binkert). Supported. Procedural motion, eligible for a final vote.

background:

The last reapportionment took place over 10 years ago. Within the four electoral groups, the percent of faculty (taking into account announced retirements, etc., for next year) has changed; applying the percentages to the 14 positions available (the number is fixed in the College Constitution) led the executive committee to recommend moving one representative from Mathematics and Statistics to Language & Literature. Dean Downing distributed a chart detailing the analysis.

discussion points:

•• What algorithm for rounding was used? response: the analysis was not highly refined. Given how small the groups are, the executive committee felt discomfort in dropping below 3 elected representatives in the Social Sciences category as Social Sciences has three departments.

- The Constitution specifies “proportional representation”; several methods are available for rounding, and one should be used consistently. Recommendation: the Assembly approve the method, not the number of representatives.

A substitute motion was offered:

Moved to direct the executive committee to consult the mathematics faculty and recommend which algorithm for rounding be used for future apportionment of elected delegates (Jerrold Grossman). Supported. Approved unanimously after discussion and approval of the motion to replace the original motion with the substitute motion.

discussion points:

- The Constitution requires “proportional representation,” so no other method may be used without a Constitutional amendment.

- Why is the number 14? response: Historically, 14 was the number; no change was made when the Constitution was last revised.

Moved to replace the original motion with the substitute motion (Jerrold Grossman). Supported. Approved unanimously.

5. Budget update

Dean Downing reported that he had little new information; the funding is still being considered in the state legislature. So far the governor’s proposal seems to be holding: schools that agree to limit tuition increases to 2.4% will recoup 3% of this year’s rollback. Internally, the CAS budget target is holding firm. Dean Downing expects to have further information at the April 6 meeting.

6. Good and welfare

7. ***Moved to adjourn the meeting.*** (Robert Anderson). Supported.

Next meeting:

All-Faculty Assembly

Lake Superior Room, Oakland Center

April 6, 2004