

College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Council Meeting

April 12, 2013

PRESENT: Catherine Beneteau, James Cavendish, Lorene Hall-Jennings, Richard Manning, Kelly Page Werder, Christine Probes, Kristina Schmidt, Sandy Schneider, Mary Sweely, Allison Cleveland-Roberts

ABSENT: John Cochran, Chuck Connor, Eric Eisenberg, Julie Harmon, Adriana Novoa, Robert Potter, Philip Reeder, Bernd Reiter, Hari Srikanth

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Approval of March minutes as modified.
- III. Dean's remarks: Assistant Dean, Dr. Allison Cleveland-Roberts spoke about the course credit going from 4 to 3 credits, she stated that some of these courses will remain as is, that a confirming list is being compiled for review. She also noted that Liz Strom is chairing a committee regarding Experientially Practiced Education. The committee is charged to find the best practices and enhancements opportunities for this type of education. This type of education is to prepare students for work with transferrable skills.
Another thing Dr. Cleveland-Roberts brought to the council's attention was that the University is planning to execute a Common Reading requirement for entering undergraduate students. The book chosen from the common reading list for first year students was "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. The committee that selected this book was chaired by Dr. Dee Siscoe. This will be a specific program for student participation. There are on-going negotiations for the price of the books.

- IV. T & P Issues-Negotiations between the Colleges and Academic Affairs regarding the standards of T & P. It seems AA has been taking a more active role in denying approvals by the Colleges.
Dr. Cochran to discuss at our next meeting. Dr. Manning stated that the faculty needed to be made aware of this issue.
- V. Program Assessment- This was talked about briefly in the meeting- questions of program productivity between disciplines and its assessment. This is subject to be followed up on in future meetings.
- VI. Draft of council report- Dr. Manning's' report was approved with a few amendments.
- VII. Follow-up on student services webpage- Dr. Novoa was not present to comment on this, but, Dr. Sandra Schneider stated that the Web-Page was not done, but that Dr. Novoa had put a great deal of effort into it, and we should return to the issue next meeting, when she may be present.
- VIII. No old business.
- IX. No new business.
- X. Meeting adjourned.