

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**As there was no quorum, there was no official business transacted, and these notes are for information purposes only.**

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

PRESENT: Catherine Beneteau, James Cavendish, John Cochran, Richard Manning, Christine Probes, Philip Reeder, Mary Sweely

ABSENT: Chuck Connor, Eric Eisenberg, Lorene Hall-Jennings, Julie Harmon, Adriana Novoa, Kelly Page Werder, Robert Potter, Bernd Reiter, Kristina Schmidt, Sandy Schneider, Hari Srikanth

- I. Called to order
- II. Minutes not approved-there were not enough committee members for a quorum.
- III. Deans' remarks-Dr. Cochran noted that it has been a busy hiring season-84 lines which must be met by the March 8 deadline. He discussed the cut in budget and that reductions may come from staff and operations. T&P Binders have gone to the provost office for review. We should get the final results back from them by Mid-march. He stated that the search for Associate dean of faculty affairs has closed and the Dean's office is in the process of reviewing. He also noted that there may be a search for a second Associate dean for social sciences.
- IV. Reschedule Spring Assembly-since there was not a quorum at this meeting, an e-mail will be sent to the committee members to vote on the new date of April 12.
- V. Proposed new unit: Philip Reeder-Dr. Reeder handed out the outline of the new unit, which consists of Geology, Geography & Environmental Planning. The departments involved voted unanimously for this merger. The Faculty Council will send proposal out to all faculty of GEP/Geology and the chairs of these departments within 90 days. Response within a month so that it can be wrapped up. Questions arose as to the disciplines of these departments. Also, it was asked what's in store for other vulnerable departments.

Richard proposed this be sent to all members of the faculty council for their review and remarks and to send to him. After processing of concerns, send to all CAS faculty at large.

- VI. 1) Report of Ad-hoc committee regarding possible bylaws/procedures for FC: Catherine Beneteau- Dr. Beneteau noted that she had spoken with Sonia Wohlmuth from Faculty Senate and has answers to this question (attached).  
2) Discussion with legal counsel regarding the above: Gerard Solis  
Gerard noted that the CAS Faculty Council cannot do by-laws as stated on Page 4 of the CAS Governance document. Several questions were asked and it was noted that the Faculty Council cannot do alone-there would be a process of going before the Faculty Assembly then sending recommendations to the Dean, then to CBA.  
Dr. Manning scheduled a meeting for the sub- committee to meet on February 27<sup>th</sup>, discuss.
- VII. Student help and services webpage report- Dr. Novoa sent a web link for the resources for CAS students, this was handed out at the meeting (attached).
- VIII. Old business-no old business
- IX. New business-no new business
- X. Meeting adjourned