

College of Arts & Sciences
Spring Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2012

Natural Sciences Auditorium

~50 in attendance

- Interim Dean Gibbs Knotts called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and offered opening remarks: (Given here in paraphrase)
 - The year has been a little crazy. The interim jokes began out of control and have only gotten worse. But we can highlight some positive signs. Chancellor Belcher has undeniable energy and enthusiasm and is moving in positive directions, such as a capital campaign focus on student scholarships. He will be a highly effective fundraiser. I think we will hire a Provost within the next month, which will free Belcher to other things and allow other positions to fall into place. The budget situation seems to be improving. The strategic planning process is coming to a close-- Having a plan and a focus will be helpful
 - There is room for optimism in A&S. Will be in good hands with Starnes. The Dean's office staff is wonderful, and the department heads are a strong group and are outstanding advocates for you. Sean will continue in Biology, and Chris will take the permanent position in Political Science. Best, the faculty continues to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students.
 - The coolest part about this job was to get to know everyone and the good work being done.

- Recognition and Awards:
 - Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor: Todd Collins, Ron Davis, Carmen Huffman, Jeremy Hyman, David Kinner and Arthur Salido
 - Tenure: Brian Kloepell
 - Promotion to Full Professor: Brian Gastle
 - Emeritus Professor: Shan Manickam and Jeff Neff
 - Retiring/Retired: Elizabeth Addison, Ruth Bennett, Jeff Neff and Shan Manickam
 - Awarded Scholarly Development Assignments (A&S took $\frac{3}{4}$ of them): Jim Costa, Sloan Despeaux and Laura Wright
 - Some of the Research Award Recipients: Mary Adams, Kefyn Catley, Ron Davis, Hartwell Francis, David Kinner with Mark Lord, and Mark Wilson
 - Chancellors Distinguished Teaching Award Finalist: Don Livingston
 - Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Finalists: Mae Claxton, Jen Schiff
 - Recognition of Distinguished Instruction and Nurturing Award: Pam Duncan and Blair Tormey
 - A&S Teaching Award Finalists: Carmen Huffman, Jessie Swigger, Brian Kloepell, Blair Tormey
... and the winner is Dr. Carmen Huffman

- Liberal Studies Proposal:
 - 39 total hours
 - First Year Seminar (3 hours)
 - Foundational Experiences (15 hours)
 - Ways of Knowing (12 hours)
 - Integrative Experiences (9 hours) [makes explicit connection to QEP]
 - Civic Engagement
 - Ethical Commitment
 - Global Awareness
 - Controversial and other elements from forums
 - Departments somewhat limited in number of courses in each category: 2 courses per category per major program.
 - Possibility of other programs teaching English 2 equivalent
 - Demands on faculty and resources, and distribution of those demands (and benefits)
 - What counts as integrative?
 - May be implemented by 2013 or 2014, before SACHS comes back
 - Double-dipping still allowed
 - Other programs with an integrative experience component waive it for those doing second major or minor; did that come up? No. But the details of implementation will have to be made explicit.

- Questions and Comments:
 - Recognizing Gibbs for good work and openness.

- Dismissed for reception at 2:36

Respectfully submitted,

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 the College of Arts & Sciences