

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ASSEMBLY

Minutes

Meeting of 6 April 2004

OAKLAND ROOM

Attendance

Present: *Wallis Andersen, Robert Anderson, Dikka Berven, Keith Berven, Chris Clason, Jerrold Grossman, Michael Mitchell, Carl Osthaus, Mark Rigstad, Brad Roth, Linda Schweitzer, Richard Stamps, Susan Wood, Jill Zeilstra*

Absent: *Peter Binkert, Art Bull, Mary Eberly, Abdi Kuso, Lawrence Lilliston, Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, Jay Meehan, Karen Miller, Sean Moran, Michelle Piskulich, Ingrid Rieger, Sam Rosenthal, Irwin Schochetman, Jack Tsui, Xiangqun Zeng*

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

CAS Faculty Present: Natalie Cole, Andrea Eis, Barbara Mabee, Linda Morrison, Andrei Slavin

1. Call to order

Dean Downing convened the meeting at 3:40.

2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of March 16, 2004.

***Moved to approve the minutes from March 16, 2004*** (Mike Mitchell). Supported.

Approved unanimously as presented.

3. Old business: reapportionment.

***Moved to use Adam's Method as the algorithm for reapportioning Assembly representation*** (Jerry Grossman). Supported. Approved unanimously as presented after the following discussion:

issues and concerns: Do other methods yield the same results? Not necessarily; they could have different results. The executive committee was uncomfortable with having only 2 social sciences representatives.

4. Remarks from the Dean:

Budget issues are still "ongoing at the state level"; the House of Representatives has basically endorsed the governor's proposal (tradeoff of funding for 03: if institutions of higher education cap tuition increases at the Detroit cpi, 2.4%, the governor will reinstate 3% of the 5% reduction from Dec. 03 (net 2% loss). OU's Board of Trustees immediately agreed.

The College's \$216K target of the university's \$2.5 million cut so far looks accurate, but of course that could change.

issues and concerns: Will any funding be put into slush/rainy day fund? The provost is committed to restoring faculty searches wherever possible.

In recent years, the proportions of tuition/state funding have changed dramatically: in 1992 state 56%/tuition 41%; in 2004, 38%/60%.

Promotion of liberal arts as a whole is a College goal. Celebrating the liberal arts is important to the Vision 2010. The College's 6 tactics include the thematic approach, bringing various departments/activities together with an annual theme:

- Natalie Cole this year was able to integrate the Dickens conference with related Dickensonian London activities

●●Next year's theme is Presidential leadership. So far the response has been "incredible." Michelle Piskulich is drawing it together with social studies colleagues and Carl Osthaus, plus the Community Book, The Press Effect. Kathleen Jamieson will be on campus for a public lecture the Monday after Thanksgiving, reflecting on the then-complete presidential campaign. Doris Kearns Goodwin, presidential historian, will be the 2004-05 CAS Distinguished lecturer; she has committed to a campus visit in October and will stay for a second day to meet with students in selected classes (social sciences and history, especially).

●●The theme for 05-06 will be the environment.

#### 5. Good and Welfare

Natalie Cole reported that the MALS is growing. This year's annual winter break trip was coordinated with the colloquium on death and dying; the trip was to London. Future trips to London, Moscow, and Greece are being considered.. Anyone wishing to teach an MALS course should propose classes to Natalie.

Susan Wood reported that the new program in Studio Art, with Andrea Eis running it, had 45 majors in the first year. This year's first graduating class will have 4 members. The students are largely (90%) "incremental" students; many would have gone to other institutions had the SA program not been approved.

Dean Downing reported that the capital campaign has been in the "nucleus" phase approximately 6 months, with kickoff tentatively scheduled for a year from now. The University is starting to obtain significant gifts; the first endowed chair is in Sociology/Anthropology; it's a bequest so full funding will come later. It's supported on an annual basis now.

Dick Burke has funded a speaker series in philosophy and ethics.

An anonymous endowment will support summer student research in biological sciences.

Bill and Enid Goldenberg are supporting study abroad and the social sciences.

Richard Stamps noted that for the tenth annual Ambassador Leonard Woodcock seminar, Chinese Ambassador Yang is coming from Washington, DC. Other speakers who will address the group include: an alumni with a perspective from Tokyo, an economist giving the General Motors business perspective; and a representative from OU's sister institution. The Consul General from Chicago will be at OU for most of the day also.

Study Abroad will go to Beijing this year, for the first time (15 students, the largest number to a single place Dean Downing can recall). The institution is very high level, selective.

Pat Piskulich is teaching at the Foreign Affairs University this semester.

6. ***Moved to adjourn the meeting.*** (Robert Anderson). Supported.  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.