

**College of Arts and Sciences
Assembly Meeting
Minutes January 20, 2009
Oakland Center, Room 128-130**

Members present: Bekele, Berven, D., Berven, K, Clason, Eis, Gooren, Grossman, Hansen, Kerrigan, Khain, Larocca, Levinson, Mabee, Purcell, Raman, Spagnuolo, Stoffan, Youngquist

Ex-Officio present: Michelle Piskulich, Kathy Moore, Ron Sudol

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. by Dean Ron Sudol.

2. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the November 2009 meeting will be approved in February.

3. Informational Items

a. NCA update

Associate Dean Michelle Piskulich provided an NCA update. She distributed an Academic Profile of the College of Arts and Sciences that summarized the highlights of the report at this point. She indicated that the NCA team will be coming to campus in the Fall 2009. She advised faculty that it is problematic that there are some faculty members who are still not using the FARM system for their annual reports. She requested that faculty who are not using FARM begin to use it for accreditation purposes and other reasons as well.

b. Space Report

Dean Ron Sudol gave an update on the departmental moves going on. English and the Writing/Rhetoric program moved from Wilson Hall to O'Dowd over the December break. He reported that the vacated space in the 5th floor of Wilson Hall has already been occupied by Academic Human Resources. He indicated that there will be more moves coming up before the year is over.

c. Future Agendas

Dean Sudol said that there are a number of items in the pipeline for the rest of the year. There is a proposed MA in Communication and BA in Liberal Studies. It is hoped that the proposals will be posted online.

He distributed a page titled '*Liberal Education America's Promise: Preparing Students for an Era of Greater Expectations*' and expressed his support for the principles

summarized therein. Dean Sudol was enthusiastic about becoming part of the network of universities that have already endorsed these principles. .

Chris Clason (Chair, DMLL) said that endorsing this outline creates a place for OU in a forum of other universities and helps to de-emphasize practical education and focus on liberal education.

Keith Berven (Biology) asked if the support of other universities is through their College of Arts and Sciences as well. Dean Sudol said that it is the whole university that signs on.

Jerrold Grossman (Parliamentarian) asked whether this would be a resolution or a motion. Dean Sudol said a resolution because it is a declaration of support for a set of ideas.

Chris Clason made the motion for the resolution of support, Barbara Mabee seconded. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

4. Addendum to Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda: To appoint Mary Lewis as a one-semester replacement to the Committee on Instruction for Cynthia Sifonis. Purcell moved, Clason seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Good and Welfare

Dean Sudol said that although there is nothing firm yet, there is talk of a 2% give-back. He indicated that we would be able to weather this cut for a year, but more than that would be difficult. Department budgets have not grown in proportion to student growth and credit hours. The CAS is trying to make budgets conform to the reality of departmental needs.

He also said that we are doing well as far as research is concerned. The CAS has the highest amount of indirect cost recovery in the university (Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Biology are especially responsible for this).

Clason (DMLL) asked when the website would be up for MOM. Associate Dean Kathy Moore said it should be active by the end of the week.

Khain (Physics) said that Physics has launched a new website and he encouraged CAS members to look at it.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven