

MINUTES OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 21, 2019—3:30pm to 4:30pm

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Brad Bays called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. Roll Call

ASFC present: Henry Adams (PBEE), Eric Barker (TH), Brad Bays (GEOG), Stephen Nemeth (POLS), Tracy Quan (GEOL), Danny Shipka (MSC), Laura Talbott-Clark, (GSM), David Wright (MATH)

Administration present: Glen Krutz, Dean; Thomas A. Wikle, Associate Dean, Academic Programs

3. Approval of the Minutes (May 2019 meeting)

Motion to approve made by Quan, seconded by Adams, and approved unanimously by Council.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve made by Quan, seconded by Adams, and approved unanimously by Council.

5. Welcomes

Bays welcomed new CAS Dean Glen Krutz, as well as new ASFC Representatives starting a new 3-year term.

- ART Brandon Reese, Professor
- CHEM _____ (TBD per DH Materer)
- LL _____ (TBD per DH Shestokat)
- HIST _____ (TBD per iDH Logan)
- MICR _____ (TBD per DH Conway)
- GSM Laura Talbott-Clark, Associate Professor
- POLS _____ TBD (sub Stephen Nemeth)
- TH Eric Barker, Assistant Professor

6. Standing Committee Report

No report was given as most committees are not yet fully populated. The appointment of standing committee chairs was tabled until the next ASFC meeting. Bays encouraged the council to solicit interest from their unit colleagues to help fill the remaining positions on incomplete committees.

College Policy and Planning

- PSYC Sullivan, Maureen
- ENG Uhlin, Graig*
- MSC Ketterer, Stan
- PHILO _____ (TBD per DH Gelfand)

Curriculum, General Education and Extension

- POLSC Townsend-Bell, Erica
- ENG Caplow, Nancy
- PHYS Borunda, Mario
- PHILO Igrek, Apple
- MICRO _____ (TBD per DH Conway)
- MSC _____ (TBD per DH Freeman)
- Wikle, Martindale, ex officio

Rules and Procedures

- ART Backus, Irene
- GEOG Yu, Hongbo
- PBEE Yang, Ming (Fall), Fishbein, Mark (Spring)
- CHEM Bollinger, Jeanne
- COMSC _____ (TBD per DH George)
- CDIS _____ (TBD per DH Kaipa)

Sabbatical Leave (requires tenure)

- COMSC Heisterkamp, Doug
- TH TBD (replacement needed for Caldwell-Kimbrough, A?)
- CDIS (not possible – defer to next rotation = PBEE)
- ART _____ (TBD per DH Brienens)
- GEOG Yu, Hongbo

Scholarship

- TH Barker, Eric*
- POLSC Rudloff, Peter
- INT BIO Moen, Daniel
- PHYS Turgut, Emrah
- STAT _____ (TBD Friday 23 Aug)
- LL _____ (TBD per DH Shestokat)

Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion (RPT) (requires tenure)

- MATH Wu, Jiahong
- PSYC Abramson, Charles
- SOC Liang, Bin
- INT BIO Bolek, Matt
- PBEE Henley, Bill
- LL Perea-Fox, Susana
- GSM Bovenschen, Wayne

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

a. *Syllabus Database*

Deans Wilke and Krutz reported that this was developed in response to the Provost's request for a method for units to upload syllabi to a database; it provides a way to allow

parents/students to see what is happening at OSU and might be useful for people shopping for classes. This is not intended to be an official syllabus for your course for current students to refer to and there will be a disclaimer on the site to this end. Instructors can opt in: participation is not mandatory. Be sure to remove personal details that you don't want public. The content of the syllabus can be more concise than the actual syllabus used for the course, but try not to vary it too much from what is actually used in the course. The system will tie the uploaded syllabi to a specific semester, so we don't have to worry about replacing them; just be sure what you submit is current to this semester. View this as another way to 'drum up business,' which could be useful in light of the student credit hour budget model (esp. general education courses). The link on the website has not yet been populated. Unit assistants will be in charge of uploading materials.

Nemeth and others raised a concern about the public perception of courses pertaining to more politically controversial topics; could this create a way for the legislature to nitpick about course content? Has this angle been problematized? Dean Krutz agreed this could be an issue but encouraged transparency in regard to course content.

9. Dean's Report:

a. Student Credit Hour (SCH) Budget Model

Dean Krutz reported that this has been implemented this semester; he encouraged all to question how are we growing enrollment? How are we attracting students to our majors/minors? This model provides an incentive to create high quality general education courses so that undergraduate students take these classes at OSU instead of elsewhere. SCH model will provide more allocations for faculty resources.

Dean Krutz suggested we examine our programs' curricula and how classes are titled: if some are out of date and sound unappealing, find a way to make them more current.

Bays raised the question about how are funds divided between in-load and Outreach courses? Krutz responded that Weaver doesn't want to give money through two different streams to units; as such, OSU-Tulsa and Outreach courses don't count toward the SCH budget model. Bays and Krutz agreed that questions exist around what courses (types of courses) count toward the SCH budget model.

b. Gen Ed Teaching Workshop Report

This was geared toward those who teach lower division general education courses; it attracted 120 faculty members. This group will be in touch with 80% of freshmen this year. It was a success. Attendees were briefed on the freshman class and their generation's worldview, as well as provided with scaffolding concepts designed to be supportive of a first-time collegiate student. This will be repeated either later this semester or in the spring.

c. Future Presentation

Dean Krutz reported that he is preparing a presentation based around his four main goals for CAS success and will come back to a future meeting to present this to the ASFC. This is intended to be a vision statement but will include specific operational content, including how he intends to align the vision with measureable outcomes

d. Status of Associate Deans

Dean Wikle currently is serving as both interim dean of instruction/personnel and dean of academic programs. The position of associate dean of instruction and personnel will be filled through an internal search that will open next week with a call for applications. Dean Krutz said to encourage your colleagues to apply. Once the hire is made, the leadership team anticipates examining the responsibilities of the ADs and deciding if there will be a reorganization of duties based on interests.

Interim Associate Dean of Research and Facilities (ADR) Kristen Baum will be put forward for the permanent position of ADR.

Announcements

Meetings will continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

Adjournment