

College of Liberal Arts
Senate and Faculty Meetings - Revised
2008 – 2009 Schedule
3:30-5:00 pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, September 23, 2008	Stewart Center, Room 313
Tuesday, October 28, 2008	Stewart Center, Room 318
Tuesday, November 18, 2008	Stewart Center, Room 318 (Faculty Meeting)
Tuesday, December 9, 2008	Stewart Center, Room 318
Tuesday, January 20, 2009	Stewart Center, Room 318
Tuesday, February 17, 2009	Stewart Center, Room 318
Tuesday, March 24, 2009	Stewart Center, Room 318 (Faculty Meeting)
Tuesday, April 21, 2009	Stewart Center, Room 322

All meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: *Two dates have been changed since last spring, and they are indicated in bold.*

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

September 23, 2008

3:30 p.m. in STEW 313

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Blackwood, Evelyn; Buzon, Michelle; Draper, Paul; Fliotsos, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Hollich, George; Lindsay, Ian; Marina, Jacqueline; Mattson, Marifran; Parrish, David; Rauh, Nicholas; Rose, Shirley; Sagar, Aparajita; Sekine, Eiji; Sivasankar, Preeti; Smith, Daniel; Smith, R.E.; Waltenburg, Eric; Webb, Ralph; Wegener, Duane; Wetzal, Dawn

Absent: Alsup, Janet; Bendito, Petronio; Blakesley, David; Boyd, Josh; Coda, Elena; Conger, Anthony; Dixon, Paul; Ebard, Joel; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Hastings, Sally; Jackson, Eugene; Lawton, Ben; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Novak, Bob; Parker, Glenn; Pincock, Chris; Rankine, Patrice; Roberts, Randy; Sabol, Robert; Walton, Whitney; Weinstein, Michael; Yang, Fenggang; Zook, Melinda

Excused: Kirk, Karen; Lyle, Roseann; Rietdyk, Shirley; Strickland, Elizabeth

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2008:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Christine Weber-Fox (SLHS), chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved 12 prerequisite changes, 22 new courses or course revisions, 11 program revisions, and 2 course retentions since the last Senate meeting. Since the committee's meeting, Theatre has asked that THTR 597 be retracted. (See report # 08-04.) The Curriculum Committee asked the Senate to approve the report with the Theatre retraction noted. The Senate accepted and approved the committee's report with the retraction.
- B) Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST), chair of the Educational Policy committee, said the committee is getting organized and will meet in November.
- C) Professor R. E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee brought forward for vote revisions to three documents. The Conflict of Interest statement was written in 2005, and minor updates were made last spring (see reports # 08-01a and 08-01b). The Senate voted to approve the Conflict of Interest revisions. Minor updates/revisions to the CLA Bylaws were also made (see report #08-02). The Senate voted to approve the revisions to the CLA Bylaws. CLA promotion and tenure procedures were also updated to bring the language more inline with the University's policies (see reports 08-3a and 08-03b). The Senate approved the updates to the CLA promotion and tenure procedures.
- D) Professor Anne Fliotsos (VPA), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, said the committee was asked to find a one-year replacement on the Faculty Affairs Committee. Robert Proctor (PSYC) has agreed to serve. Nominations were opened, but none were received from the floor. Prof. Proctor was endorsed by the Senate.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Contreni provided some updates:

- CLA is once again the largest College in the University for undergraduate enrollment with 6,654 students, and CLA is the second largest College in terms of graduate enrollment.
- CLA's new department of Anthropology is in its first semester of operation. The dean introduced Dr. Ellen Gruenbaum, the inaugural head of the department, and mentioned a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held on October 8 at 12 noon in STON.

- The dean announced that Dr. Matthias Steup is the new head of the department of Philosophy.
- Dr. Emily Allen is the new director for the CLA Honors Program.
- The College has 28 new faculty, and they are featured on the CLA Web site.
- The Center for Instructional Excellence asked CLA to participate in a new pilot workshop on teaching undergraduates at Purdue University. The very successful workshop was held on August 18, and it will now be expanded to other colleges.
- The College Web site is new, and Dr. Contreni urged faculty to browse it and become familiar with it. The Web site will soon have a new page on promotion policies and guidelines.
- Experience Liberal Arts will again be held during the month of October. James Earl Jones will be the kickoff speaker.
- Dr. Contreni is teaching a course called “LA Influentials” this year. CLA alumni are invited to be guest speakers and share their experiences while on campus and along their career paths.
- New faculty recruitment is beginning, and the College is also recruiting three new department heads – in Psychological Sciences, Sociology, and the Rueff Department of Visual & Performing Arts.
- Preliminary talks regarding a possible BA degree in Economics from CLA have begun with the Department of Economics in the School of Management. The Department of Economics would also offer a BS degree in their school, which would be more mathematical, statistical and quantitative, while the BA degree from CLA would be more social science.
- The University has new senior administrative staff – Ms. Teri Thompson is the new vice president for Marketing and the Purdue News Service, and Dr. Richard Buckius is the new vice president for Research. The University is searching for a new executive vice president and treasurer and a new dean of the Graduate School.
- Provost Woodson and President Cordova are very interested in a common core curriculum across the University. They both are focusing their energies on students, academics, and student success.
- Dr. Barbara Dixon is part of a committee that will choose a book for all incoming freshmen to read. She explained how the book chosen will be used in classrooms and Boiler Gold Rush, and asked for suggestions.
- The CLA Strategic Plan needs to be updated since the Board of Trustees approved a new University Strategic Plan in June 2008. A task force is being identified, with the expectation that a draft will be completed by the end of the semester. The CLA Senate will then review the draft in the spring semester.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

October 28, 2008

3:30 p.m. in STEW 318

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Alsup, Janet; Blakesley, David; Boyd, Josh; Buzon, Michelle; Draper, Paul; Fliotics, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Lindsay, Ian; Lyle, Roseann; Marina, Jacqueline; Mattson, Marifran; Parrish, David; Rauh, Nicholas; Rietdyk, Shirley; Sagar, Aparajita; Sekine, Eiji; Smith, R.E.; Walton, Whitney; Webb, Ralph; Wegener, Duane

Absent: Bendito, Petronio; Coda, Elena; Conger, Anthony; Dixon, Paul; Ebard, Joel; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Hastings, Sally; Jackson, Eugene; Lawton, Ben; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Novak, Bob; Parker, Glenn; Pincock, Chris; Rankine, Patrice; Roberts, Randy; Rose, Shirley; Sabol, Robert; Weinstein, Michael; Yang, Fenggang; Zook, Melinda

Excused: Hollich, George; Kirk, Karen; Sivasankar, Preeti; Strickland, Elizabeth; Waltenburg, Eric; Wetzell, Dawn

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Christine Weber-Fox (SLHS), chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee considered and approved two new courses, three course revisions, and two program revisions. The Senate accepted the committee's report.
- B) Professor R. E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee stated the purpose of the committee and said the committee was ready to serve the faculty of the College.
- C) Professor Anne Fliotics (VPA), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, said the committee was asked to find a one-year replacement on the Faculty Affairs Committee. Robert Proctor (PSYC) has agreed to serve. Nominations were opened, but none were received from the floor. Prof. Proctor was endorsed by the Senate.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- Dr. Contreni reported on the activity of the Sexual Harassment Advisors' Network (SHAN) in 2007, saying members of the committee gave 14 presentations and attended a presentation on online sexual harassment. The committee also had three contacts, two from men (one graduate student and one faculty member) and one from a woman.
- The Dean's Advisory Council (DAC) met on October 24. This group is made up of alums from across the country who come to campus semi-annually for an all-day meeting. The group is very eager to help the College achieve its goals, particularly with the CLA Strategic Plan and with development activities.
- On October 25 (Homecoming), CLA recognized three alumni under the age of 40 for their achievements with the Emerging Voices Awards.
- Three Liberal Arts students were recognized today as winners of the first Justin S. Morrill Mini-Saga contest. While the majority of the entries were from our College, almost 200 students from across campus wrote 50-word stories that had a beginning, middle and end. Monetary prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 were awarded to the first, second, and third place winners, respectively.
- Dr. Contreni reported that the University plans to make admission at the undergraduate level more selective. A draft document titled, Indiana Core 40, was distributed. The Provost has asked everyone to look at the state's Core 40 requirements and the proposal for enhancing the minimum requirements. The Dean mentioned that, of the 30,000 applications for admission for the fall 2008, 72% were accepted. The

- proposed Indiana Core 40 policy includes a Core 40 with Academic Honors and a Core 40 with Technical Honors. Any changes would be implemented for the fall 2012. Discussion followed.
- A CLA Strategic Planning Committee has been formed and the members are working diligently to create a plan for the College that can be presented to the Senate in the spring 2009 semester. A list of committee members was distributed.
 - The Dean reported on the October 27 President's Forum on the financial crisis. Purdue has a reputation for its conservative financial investment policy, but as it turns out, that will serve the University well. Retirements are being postponed by faculty colleagues, and the President asked the colleges/schools/units "to be prudent." Discussion followed.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY
OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

November 18, 2008

Room 318, Stewart Center, 3:30 p.m.

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

In celebration of teaching, three CLA faculty members were honored. Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST) was presented with the College Educational Excellence Teaching Award at the University Honors Convocation in April 2008. Professor Rachel Einwohner (SOC) and Professor David Ertner (SLHS) were recognized today with the Departmental Educational Excellence Teaching Award.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Ralph Webb, (COM), vice chair of the Senate, reported on the activities of the College:
- CLA has once again the largest undergraduate enrollment with 6,654 students. The College is the second largest in terms of graduate student enrollment.
 - The College has a new department of Anthropology, with Dr. Ellen Gruenbaum as the head. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on October 8.
 - The department of Philosophy also has a new head, Dr. Matthias Steup.
 - Dr. Emily Allen is the new director of the CLA Honors Program.
 - The College has hired 28 new faculty, who are featured on the CLA Web site.
 - The Center for Instructional Excellence asked CLA to participate in a new pilot workshop on teaching undergraduate students, which was held on August 18. The pilot was very successful and will be expanded to other colleges on campus.
 - Experience Liberal Arts month was held in October.
 - The College is recruiting three department heads in Sociology, Psychological Sciences, and Visual & Performing Arts, as well as new faculty.
 - Preliminary talks are underway on a possible BA degree in Economics from CLA, to compliment the School of Management's BS degree in Economics.
 - The President and Provost are interested in a common core curriculum across the University.
 - A committee has been formed to create the new CLA Strategic Plan, with the expectation that a draft will be presented to the CLA Senate next spring.
 - The first CLA Mini-Saga contest, held during Experience Liberal Arts month, garnered 197 entries. The Emerging Voice Awards were given during Homecoming weekend.
 - The Senate heard a brief report on the activities of the Sexual Harrassment Advisors' Network (SHAN).
 - Dr. Webb, as vice-chair of the Senate, is also a member of the Dean's Advisory Council. He said the Council is most eager to help and work, and that their meetings were characterized by spirited discussions and information-sharing. The Council appreciates and respects the dean and the faculty.
- B. Professor Eiji Sekine (FLL), chair of the Agenda Committee, said the committee had no requests.
- C. Dr. Contreni reported that the Curriculum Committee approved two new minors in Asian American Studies and Latin/Latino American Studies. Changes, deletions and revisions (many due to no longer listing prerequisites) were discussed, and all those have been approved.
- D. Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, stated the purpose of the committee and reported that the committee approved seven courses for retention in the CLA Core in the Global Perspective category and three courses for retention in the Written and Oral Communication section. It approved the addition of seven other courses to the CLA Core in

various categories and a request for modification of the minor requirements in Chinese. The EPC also discussed two policy issues: a concern with overlapping courses in the Core and the College's various and conflicting uses of the term "concentration".

E. There was no report from the Faculty Affairs Committee.

F. Professor Anne Fliotsos (VPA), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported that in April all vacancies were filled on the committees of the Senate – 3 on the Agenda Committee, 3 on the Curriculum Committee, 2 on the Educational Policy Committee, 2 plus an alternate for the Grade Appeals Committee, and 3 on the Nominating & Elections Committee. One additional replacement was made in September on the Faculty Affairs Committee. Dr. Fliotsos urged faculty to volunteer for service on a committee when asked in March/April 2009.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Dr. David Santogrossi gave a history of the Bachelor of Physical Education program. He then presented a list of 383 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in December 2008. He recommended approval and the Senate certified the lists.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

A. Dr. Contreni reported on many highlights of the College since the last faculty meeting, including:

- The new department of Anthropology, its ribbon-cutting ceremony and displays.
- A new Latino/Latin American Studies Program.
- A new Asian American Studies Program.
- A new CLA Web site, which includes a new page for College and departmental promotion guidelines and processes. It will include statistics on promotion and the CLS Area Committee roster.
- CLA Strategic Planning Committee work. A draft will be available on the Web for faculty review and comment.
- Experience Liberal Arts month.
- Professor Robert Lamb (ENGL) has been named the next Indiana Teacher of the Year.
- Liberal Arts is again the largest College in the University.
- Searches are being conducted for department heads in Sociology, Psychological Sciences and Visual & Performing Arts.
- The dean is presently working on a presentation for the Board of Trustees (December 19) and a mid-year management report for the Provost (December 16).
- A question/answer period followed. New faculty for 2009-10 will number approximately 23. The University's conservative investment practices will serve it well during these economic times.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

December 9, 2008

3:30 p.m. in STEW 318

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Alsup, Janet; Blakesley, David; Buzon, Michelle; Dixon, Paul; Draper, Paul; Fliotsos, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Hastings, Sally; Hollich, George; Lindsay, Ian; Mattson, Marifran; Parrish, David; Rauh, Nicholas; Rose, Shirley; Sekine, Eiji; Sivasankar, Preeti; Smith, R.E.; Strickland, Elizabeth; Waltenburg, Eric; Walton, Whitney; Webb, Ralph; Wegener, Duane

Absent: Bendito, Petronio; Boyd, Josh; Coda, Elena; Conger, Anthony; Ebard, Joel; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Jackson, Eugene; Kirk, Karen; Lawton, Ben; Marina, Jacqueline; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Novak, Bob; Parker, Glenn; Pincock, Chris; Rankine, Patrice; Rietdyk, Shirley; Roberts, Randy; Sabol, Robert; Sagar, Aparajita; Weinstein, Michael; Yang, Fenggang; Zook, Melinda

Excused: Lyle, Roseann; Wetzell, Dawn

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2008:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Christine Weber-Fox (SLHS), chair of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee considered and approved seven new courses, 43 course revisions, eight course deletions, five program revisions, and one new program. Many of the course revisions are in History, where courses are now coded to indicate writing intensive courses. The Senate accepted the committee's report.
- B) Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported on the committee's work to approve two course retentions and one new course in the Global Perspectives category of the CLA Core.
- C) Professor R. E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee stated the purpose of the committee and said the committee was ready to serve the faculty of the College.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. David Santogrossi mentioned the new procedures for submitting grades, cautioning faculty to begin their work early and allow additional time. Dr. Barbara Dixon reminded faculty to stay up-to-date on their FERPA renewals.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- The College's Area Committee met on November 25, 2008. The next step is the University Area Committee meeting in February 2009.
- The College's Web site has a new promotions web page, which includes policies and procedures, criteria, statistics, and a list of CLA Area Committee members.
- The dean has been preparing a 20-minute presentation for the Board of Trustees' meeting on December 19. The title is, "The (new) College of Liberal Arts."
- Dr. Contreni has also been working on the mid-year management review for December 16 with the Provost. This meeting lays the groundwork for budgetary requests in the Spring.
- The Indiana Revenue Forecast will be released on Friday, December 12.
- The CLA Strategic Plan draft is completed but for the metrics section. The document will be placed on the CLA Web site for faculty and staff review before being presented to the Senate in the spring 2009.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

January 20, 2009

3:30 p.m. in STEW 318

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Claxton, Laura; Dixon, Paul; Draper, Paul; Fliotsos, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Hastings, Sally; Hollich, George; Kirk, Karen; Lindsay, Ian; Marina, Jacqueline; Mattson, Marifran; Rauh, Nicholas; Rose, Shirley; Sabol, Robert; Sagar, Aparajita; Sivasankar, Preeti; Smith, R.E.; Strickland, Elizabeth; Waltenburg, Eric; Walton, Whitney; Webb, Ralph; Wegener, Duane; Wetzell, Dawn

Absent: Alsup, Janet; Bendito, Petronio; Blakesley, David; Boyd, Josh; Buzon, Michelle; Coda, Elena; Conger, Anthony; Ebard, Joel; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Jackson, Eugene; Lawton, Ben; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Novak, Bob; Parker, Glenn; Parrish, David; Pincock, Chris; Rankine, Patrice; Roberts, Randy; Sekine, Eiji; Weinstein, Michael; Yang, Fenggang; Zook, Melinda

Excused: Blankenship, Bonnie

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2008:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Christine Weber-Fox (SLHS), chair of the Curriculum Committee, said the committee considered and approved eleven new courses and 2 course revisions at their last meeting. The Senate accepted the committee's report.
- B) Professor R. E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, stated the committee will meet this semester, and he asked that members contact the committee with concerns of a non-academic nature.
- C) Professor Anne Fliotsos (VPA), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reviewed the reapportionments of the CLA Senate for 2009-10. The reapportionments were approved. The assembly was reminded to vote on-line for CLA representatives to the University Senate, through January 28, 2009.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- The dean noted that articles about the state budget have been in the media recently. He said the state has asked Purdue University to decrease its budget by 1% for this year and by 3% for next year. Dr. Contreni said that, as he meets with prospective faculty, many ask if the position is still open.
- Dr. Contreni told about changes in the admissions process. Admission to Purdue is no longer granted on a rolling basis. Essays are now required on the application, and notifications were delayed until December 5, 2008. The entire admissions process is substantially behind schedule.
- The University Promotions Committee has 93 cases to review for their meeting on February 19, 2009.
- The CLA Strategic Plan is moving forward and needs additional editing. The committee still intends to make the Strategic Plan available for review by faculty and staff during the Spring 2009 semester.
- During a question/answer period, Dr. Contreni reported that Tom Recker, CLA director of Advancement has taken a position at Indiana University, and he is not being replaced. Ms. Lori Sparger and Ms. Erin Bittinger will carry on the development work for the College. Ms. Sparger has assumed the duties of director of Advancement.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

February 17, 2009

3:30 p.m. in STEW 318

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Alsup, Janet; Blankenship, Bonnie; Buzon, Michelle; Claxton, Laura; Draper, Paul; Fliotsos, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Hollich, George; Lindsay, Ian; Marina, Jacqueline; Rauh, Nicholas; Rose, Shirley; Sabol, Robert; Sagar, Aparajita; Sekine, Eiji; Smith, R.E.; Waltenburg, Eric; Webb, Ralph; Wegener, Duane
Absent: Bendito, Petronio; Blakesley, David; Boyd, Josh; Coda, Elena; Conger, Anthony; Dixon, Paul; Ebard, Joel; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Hastings, Sally; Jackson, Eugene; Kirk, Karen; Lawton, Ben; Mattson, Marifran; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Novak, Bob; Parker, Glenn; Parrish, David; Pincock, Chris; Rankine, Patrice; Roberts, Randy; Sivasankar, Preeti; Walton, Whitney; Weinstein, Michael; Wetzell, Dawn; Yang, Fenggang; Zook, Melinda
Excused: Strickland, Elizabeth

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2009:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Christine Weber-Fox (SLHS), chair of the Curriculum Committee, introduced an amendment to the posted curriculum committee report. Copies were distributed. She reported that the committee considered and approved a total of four new courses and one revision. The Senate accepted and approved the committee's report, including the amendment.
- B) Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, introduced a recommendation to adopt a revised list of requirements for admission to the College. (See report #08-11.) She explained the report, saying the only change is the addition of another year of math. Much discussion followed. This recommendation will be presented for vote at the April Senate meeting.
- C) Professor R. E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, stated the committee is soliciting observations on the performance of the dean and urged faculty to return their comments.
- D) Professor Anne Fliotsos (VPA), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, announced the outcome of voting for CLA representatives to the University Senate. Paul Dixon (FLL), Geraldine Freidman (ENGL), Suzanne Parker (POL), and Zygmunt Pizlo (PSYC), will begin serving three-year terms next fall.
A short discussion followed on the electronic voting process.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Dean Contreni discussed the draft of the new CLA Strategic Plan emailed to senators on 2/16/09. He will send it to faculty and the Dean's Advisory Council soon. The strategic planning committee wants comments and feedback from faculty, and the Senate discussed the best way to coordinate that information. Dr. Contreni hopes the feedback will help clarify the plan so it can be understood by academic and public sectors. The strategic plan will be discussed at the March 24 full faculty meeting, and a vote will be taken at the April Senate meeting. Discussion followed, and written feedback/comments should be sent to Barb Welch (bwelch@purdue.edu).

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

- The dean briefly discussed the budget and announced some changes pertaining to the budget. A position for a third CLA development officer will not be filled. The CLA magazine, THiNK, will now be published annually, rather than bi-annually. He also said CLA internal research grants have been postponed for the coming year. Dr. Contreni has no solid information yet on raises, only rumors.
- President Cordova's visit to the College on February 11 went well. She was accompanied by Provost Woodson and Dr. Carolyn Curiel, her chief of staff. The dean stressed that CLA should continue to send information about CLA programs to the President's speechwriters for use in her speeches.
- Dr. Contreni shared the PowerPoint presentation he gave to the Board of Trustees in December 2008.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Welch

Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY
OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

March 24, 2009, 3:30 p.m.

Stewart Center, Room 322

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

In celebration of teaching, Dr. Paula Leverage (FLL), a faculty fellow in the Center for Undergraduate Instructional Excellence, gave a presentation titled, "Cognitive Approaches to Literature, Film and Pedagogy: An Evolutionary Perspective." Dr. Leverage discussed two parts of her project: the evolution of reading comprehension and literary reading comprehension in college-age students. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Professor Ralph Webb (COM), vice chair of the Senate, summarized the activities of the Senate since the last faculty meeting in November 2008.
- B. There was no report from the Agenda Committee.
- C. Professor Christine Weber-Fox (SLHS), chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee has presented to the Senate 15 new courses, 58 course revisions, 9 course deletions, 5 program revisions and two new programs since the last CLA faculty meeting. All of those have been approved.
- D. Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported on the activities of the committee. She also discussed a recommendation to increase the CLA requirements for admission. This proposal was submitted to the Senate at its February 17 meeting and will be presented for vote at the April 21 meeting.
- E. Professor R.E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, stated the purpose of the committee and reported that the committee solicited and received comments as part of an informal evaluation of the dean's performance. A meeting with the dean will be scheduled soon.
- F. Professor Anne Fliotsos (VPA), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported on the reapportionments for the CLA Senate in 2009-10. The newest CLA representatives to the University Senate were announced. Paul Dixon (FLL), Geraldine Freidman (ENGL), Suzanne Parker (POL), and Zygmunt Pizlo (PSYC), will begin serving three-year terms next fall. Dr. Fliotsos asked for volunteers to serve on the various CLA Senate committees.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dr. David Santogrossi presented a list of 1075 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in May 2009. Dr. Santogrossi also presented a list of 200 students who will be candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in August 2009. He recommended and the Senate certified the lists by majority vote.
- B. Dr. Contreni led a discussion of the draft CLA Strategic Plan, saying he has received 12 written comments so far. They centered around making research and development more prominent, having more specific metrics, incorporating staff development and participation, and including greater emphasis on student preparation for careers. Discussion followed. The final draft will be presented for vote at the April 21 Senate meeting.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

- A. Dr. Contreni commented on the budget process and said that the College has been asked to identify 3% of its operating budget for possible reductions. The dean mentioned several cost-saving measures, one being that appointments to CLA's faculty development centers have been suspended for 2010-11. Dr. Contreni has convened a task force to review CLA's budget. Members of the task force are Lucia Anderson (director of Business Managers), Connie Lapinskas (assistant provost for Financial Affairs), Mona Holdcraft (CLA director of Financial Affairs), David Santogrossi (associate dean for Student Services) and three department heads: David Sigman (VPA), Bill Harper (H&K) and Irwin Weiser (ENGL). Dr. Contreni will chair the task force. A short question and answer period followed.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Welch
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ARTS FACULTY SENATE

April 21, 2009

3:30 p.m. in STEW 322

Dean John Contreni, Presiding

Present: Blakesley, David; Buzon, Michelle; Claxton, Laura; Coda, Elena; Dixon, Paul; Draper, Paul; Ebard, Joel; Fliotics, Anne; Gabin, Nancy; Hastings, Sally; Hollich, George; Lawton, Ben; Lindsay, Ian; Marina, Jacqueline; Mattson, Marifran; Novak, Bob; Parrish, David; Rankine, Patrice; Rauh, Nicholas; Sagar, Aparajita; Sivasankar, Preeti; Smith, Daniel; Smith, R.E.; Strickland, Elizabeth; Waltenburg, Eric; Walton, Whitney; Webb, Ralph

Absent: Alsup, Janet; Bendito, Petronio; Blankenship, Bonnie; Boyd, Josh; Conger, Anthony; Fox, Ed; Frank, Dan; Jackson, Eugene; Kirk, Karen; Merritt, Rebecca; Mullen, Bill; Nguyen, Bich Minh; Parker, Glenn; Pincock, Chris; Roberts, Randy; Rose, Shirley; Sabol, Robert; Sekine, Eiji; Wegener, Duane; Weinstein, Michael; Wetzell, Dawn; Yang, Fenggang; Zook, Melinda

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2009:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) Professor Christine Weber-Fox (SLHS), chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported on the March and April committee meetings. Fifteen new courses, 17 course revisions, two course deletions, nine program revisions, three new programs and two program deletions were approved. (See #08-13 and #08-14.) Dr. Weber-Fox pointed out that HK 11101, a new course, is a 2-credit course, not a 3-credit course as described. The Senate accepted and approved the committee's report, with the amendment that HK 11101 is a 2-credit course.
- B) Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that, as part of its ongoing review of courses in the CLA Core Curriculum, the EPC approved courses in American Sign Language and Foreign Languages & Literatures to satisfy the Other Languages category of the Core. The committee approved HEBR 385 for inclusion in the Core. The committee also approved a list of learning outcomes for the CLA Core created by Dr. B. Dixon for the College's upcoming accreditation review. (See #08-15.) The Senate accepted and approved the committee's report. Dr. Gabin then brought forward the committee's recommendation regarding CLA admissions requirements (#08-11) for approval. She answered questions that were raised at the last Senate meeting during discussion. A revision of the EPC's recommendation was brought to the floor by Prof. P. Draper. Discussion followed. The revision was defeated by voice vote. A vote was then taken on the original recommendation, and it passed by voice vote.
- C) Professor R. E. Smith (COM), chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported on a request from the Department of Psychological Sciences to authorize a clinical faculty position. The request falls well within the limits on clinical faculty positions in the department, College, and University. Discussion followed. The request for a clinical faculty position in Psychological Sciences was approved by voice vote.
- D) Professor Anne Fliotics (VPA), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, presented the slate of nominees for Senate and College committees and called for nominations from the floor. There were none, and the slate was approved. (See ballot.) Dr. Fliotics read the nominees for vice chair of the Senate. A vote was taken by paper ballot, and Charles Ross was elected as vice chair for 2009-10.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Contreni said further work on CLA's new strategic plan has been suspended, due to new preliminary discussions about a new college at Purdue and a possible reconfiguration of the College of Liberal Arts.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Associate Dean David Santogrossi reported on current discussions across campus about a University core curriculum. The target date for a draft document is May 2010. He answered questions during the discussion that followed.
- B. Preliminary discussions are underway regarding a new college – College of Human Development & Health Sciences is the working title. This is being driven by the University's new strategic plan. Departments in the colleges of Consumer & Family Sciences, Liberal Arts, and Pharmacy, Nursing & Health Sciences would be affected. In CLA, the departments affected would be Communication, Health

& Kinesiology, Psychological Sciences, and Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences. Ultimately, the faculty in each department would determine where the department and their students would be most successful. A retreat is scheduled in May 2009, and a draft document is expected by the end of summer 2009. Discussion followed.

5. DEAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Contreni summarized recent reports in the media about the state budget, and he noted that the state revenue forecasts continue to decline. The University has suspended merit raises for this year, although activity reports should be submitted as always. The College has been asked to plan for a 3% cut in operating budget over the next two years. In answer to questions about faculty hires, the dean said the College would have very few hires for 2010-11.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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