

**College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly
March 30, 2012**

Registering Attendance:

ANTHROPOLOGY:	J. Burnet, A. Harris, J. Peteet, C. Tillquist, J. Zhao
CHEMISTRY:	R. Buchanan
CLASSICAL & MODERN LANG:	R. Buchanan, W. Cunningham, C. Hardin, G. Hutcheson, D. Lalonde, A. Leidner, M. Makris, A. Mastri, F. Nuessel, W. Pfeffer, M. Rodriguez, R. Roebuck, L. Wagner, W. Yoder, L. Zeng
COMMUNICATION:	M. Cunningham, L. Della, J. Ferré, K. Freberg, A. Futrell, J. Gregg, J. Hart
ENGLISH:	M. Biberman, B. Boehm, T. Byers, K. Chandler, J. Dietrich, D. Hall, K. Kopelson, B. Leung, K. Petrosino, S. Ryan, B. Willey, B. Williams
FINE ARTS:	D. Lai
GEOGRAPHY/GEOSCIENCES:	C. Day, C. Hanchette, H. Zhang
HISTORY:	A. Allen, T. K'Meyer, E. McInnis, D. Vivian, L.S. Weissbach, J. Westerfeld
HUMANITIES:	A. Allen, P. Beattie, P. Pranke, M. Stenger
MATHEMATICS:	C. Biro, A. Miller
PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES:	J. Hudson, P. Johnson, T. Rajack-Talley, A. Turley,
PHILOSOPHY:	O. Wiggins, Jr.
PHYSICS:	D. Brown
POLITICAL SCIENCE:	T. Gray, S. Hua, M. Merry, R. Payne, L. Rhodebeck
PSYCHOLOGY:	P. DeMarco, S. Meeks
SOCIOLOGY:	J. Busch, C. Negrey
THEATRE ARTS:	N. Burton, R. Vandenbroucke
WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES:	D. Heinecken, N. Theriot

Professor Byers, Chair, called the Assembly to order.

The minutes of the Assembly of February 17, 2012, were approved as distributed.

Under Old Business, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the proposed changes to the By-Laws (excluding the changes to II.B. 1—Regular Members), this being their second reading. Professor Biberman moved approval of the changes, and the motion was seconded.

In response to a question from the floor, Assistant Dean Taylor said that the removal of the Faculty Grievance Committee from the By-laws was in (overdue) response to the change in the University's grievance procedure, which for some time has vested that process in a university-wide committee, and that the removal of the Student Grievance Committee from the By-Laws was to bring policy into conformity with College practice, which has referred such matters to the Committee on Academic Discipline, as charged in the Standing Rules. She added that deletion of the Student Grievance Committee from the By-Laws would also constitute approval of the change of the name of the "Academic Discipline Committee" to "Student Grievance and Academic Discipline Committee."

The Chair reminded the Assembly that the change to II.B. 3 (Temporary Members) was to update the By-Laws to reflect policy previously approved by the Assembly, namely that "Temporary members may serve on College committees and represent the College in University bodies, unless prohibited by other sections of these By-Laws or by the definition of the composition of a specific committee in the Standing Rules."

Hearing no call for discussion of the motion to approve, the Chair put the question and the motion carried.

Turning to New Business, the Chair announced that this was the first reading of a proposed change to section II.B. 1 (Regular Members) of the By-Laws which would again update the By-Laws to reflect a policy previously approved by the Assembly. The following would be added to the description of privileges of Regular Members: "Regular members with appointment in more than one department, program, or division shall be entitled to vote in the meetings of their primary department, program, or division, and to represent them in College and University bodies. They shall have the same privileges in their secondary department, program, or division subject to the by-laws of that department, program or division." (Underlined material represents editorial changes proposed by the Chair to the motion as circulated in the agenda for the meeting.)

Professor Biberman moved approval of the change; Professor Pfeffer seconded the motion.

Hearing no call for discussion at this time, the Chair announced that the motion would come to the Assembly for its second reading at the meeting of March 20.

The Chair then recognized Professor Roebuck for the Curriculum Committee and Professor Allen for Planning and Budget, both of whom moved, seconded by the committees, the approval of the proposal for a B.A. in Asian Studies.

Hearing no call for discussion, the Chair put the question and the motion for approval carried unanimously.

The Chair again recognized Professors Roebuck and Allen, who moved, seconded by the Curriculum and the Planning and Budget committees, approval of the proposal for a graduate certificate in Black Heritage Studies.

Professor Allen, on behalf of Planning and Budget, did note the following:

- (1) some duplication with the oral history program in the History Department and
- (2) variance between departments in compensation for directors of such programs.

The Chair noted that a study by the Personnel and/or Planning and Budget committees of the compensation issue would be appropriate.

Hearing no call for further discussion, the Chair put the question and the motion for approval of the certificate program carried.

The Chair reported on the motion approved at the Assembly of February 17, which had instructed A&S Senators to insert language in the proposal for changes to the Undergraduate Council to “make clear that any proposal on curriculum or academic policy not receiving unanimous approval by the Undergraduate Council must go back to the individual units for approval.” He reported that this motion failed in the Senate, but that the Senate had ruled that any Undergraduate Council motions on curricular issues will be forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

Prior to beginning discussion of the proposal for the revision of course evaluations, the Chair noted that the Personnel Committee had decided that the changes do not require revision of the College Personnel Policy.

The Chair then recognized Professor Meeks for the Ad Hoc Committee on Revision of Course Evaluation.

Professor Meeks summarized the background of the committee’s work and proposal.

Discussion included Professors Kopelson, Tillquist, Heinecken, Leung, Boehm, Weissbach, Burnet, Williams, Stenger, and K’Meyer.

Professor Pfeffer moved to postpone further discussion until the April Assembly, asking that faculty examine the document and send comments to Professor Meeks. The motion was seconded.

The Chair ruled the motion to postpone debatable.

Discussion included Professors Willey, Burton, and Hutcheson.

Professor Dietrich said that Institutional Research needs the revised form by early fall if it is to be used for fall courses.

The Chair charged the ad hoc committee to consider adding a demographic question that would give information on student attendance.

Hearing no call for further discussion, the Chair put the question on the motion to postpone.

The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.