

# CLAS Faculty Council Minutes

Monday, February 18, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

CLAS Dean's Conference Room

**Elected members present:** Nora Alter, Susan DeFrance, Jean Larson, John Leavey, Carol Murphy, Ronald Randles, Donald Stehouwer, John Yelton, Kenneth Wagener, Ann Wehmeyer, Barbara Zsembik

**Ex-officio members present:** Chris Snodgrass, Jane Brockmann for Elizabeth Dale

**Elected members absent:** Samuel Stafford

**Student members absent:** no student members have been selected

Leavey called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. The minutes of the January 25 and January 31 meetings were approved with revisions.

We reviewed and recommended for forwarding to the Constitution Committee and to the Steering Committee to put on the agenda for the next College Assembly a course of action on the Rotation and Election of Members of the Faculty Council that all current members serve their two year terms until fall of 2009; in spring of 2009, elections will be held for two positions of two-years length for each electoral group, and the other two members of each group will serve an additional year, until fall of 2010; in spring 2010, the regular rotation will begin: two positions from each electoral group will be elected for each electoral group; members who served a three-year initial term will be eligible for election to a second consecutive term, should they wish to run.

We reviewed information on the budget. The question was raised whether we needed to make an additional 1 million or 3 million dollar cut. We were reminded that the principle that faculty load cannot be increased is in the contract. The cancellation of the search in Romance Languages and Literature was announced. We reviewed what we had heard that various administrators had said about the upcoming budget cuts.

We discussed our Draft Principles for Budget Reduction and proposed streamlining them. John Leavey will revise the document incorporating the sense of the discussion and circulate the revision prior to the meeting with the Dean on February 28.

We briefly discussed the Dean search noting that two semi-finalist candidates had dropped out.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Larson, Associate Chair