

CLAS Faculty Council Minutes

Monday, March 17, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

150 Pugh Hall

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

Ex-officio members present: Chris Snodgrass, Ken Wald for Elizabeth Dale

Elected members absent: Sam Stafford,

Student members absent: no student members have been selected

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. and the minutes of March 3 were approved with the addition of a single comma.

Ken Wald made a report on behalf of the Finance Committee; the committee's report is being updated.

John Leavey will send our report to the Dean and ask that it be posted on the Faculty Council web site. He will also let CLAS faculty know of our report.

We received a proposal that the Program in Linguistics become the Department of Linguistics. It was noted that no new resources would be required and that the Dean supported the proposal. We approved without dissent the following minute:

The Faculty Council recommends Linguistics become a department.

We briefly discussed the search for a new Dean of CLAS, specifically discussing commitment to shared governance, indications of management style of the two remaining candidates. The faculty preference poll is ready to be implemented.

Two items were proposed for our March 27 meeting with Dean Glover: continuing discussion of the CLAS budget situation and shared governance. The spring CLAS Assembly will probably occur during early in April, since it has proved difficult to find a suitable room after that time. We are expecting to hear what cuts are proposed by Machen in mid to late April, when more information is available from the legislature but before 9 month faculty leave for the summer.

We decided to meet again on March 24. We will continue discussing the dean search, if it continues, shared governance and the agenda for the meeting with Glover.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Larson, Associate Chair