CLAS Faculty Council Minutes  
Friday, 7 August, 2009, 10 a.m.  
150 Pugh Hall

Members present: Susan Hegeman, Jean Larson, John Leavey, David Pharies, Ron Randles, Paul Robinson, Don Stehouwer, Ann Wehmeyer, Clive Wynne, John Yelton, Rick Yost, Barbara Zsembik  
Members absent: Nora Alter, Susan deFrance, Howard Louthan, Carol Murphy, Richard Scher, Sam Stafford  
Ex-officio member present: David Pharies  
Ex-officio member absent: Chris Snodgrass  
Student member present: Amber Van Matre  
Student member absent: Kristin Tennyson  
The Dean: Paul D’Anieri  
Associate Dean: Jim Mueller

This meeting was, exceptionally, attended by both the 2008-2009 Faculty Council members, and the newly elected 2009-2010 members.

John Leavey presided, and told us that he planned that there would be another meeting at the beginning of the academic year to elect a new chair of the council as he would be the chair of the CLAS Faculty Assembly and thus an ex-officio member of the Faculty Council.

We discussed the memo that the Provost had sent the Dean requesting a list of hiring priorities for this Fall.

The Dean came at 11 a.m. He informed us that the Chairs had, in general, requested hires. He told us that he would ask the Provost for a large number of lines as he believes that it is an advantage for us to be hiring when the competition is not. Thus he would like to hire as many faculty as possible this year when most universities were suffering their worst budget deficits.

The Dean gave us some insight as to his priorities. As start-up funds are clearly a problem, he favors those areas where we could link up with programs such as Emerging Pathogens and the Genetic Institute. In general he expects searches to be at the Assistant Professor level, but some might be at a higher level when there was a suitable candidate available. Rather than just “filling holes” in the Departments, he favors hires in three broad thrusts, namely biomedical research, sustainability and internationalization.

We have no definite date of when the hires will be authorized. The Dean is aware that it is already late in the season for some fields. However, there are so few jobs advertized in the country this year timing is not as much a concern as usual.

Minutes submitted by John Yelton, Retiring Associate Chair.