

**Minutes of the School of Liberal Arts  
Faculty Meeting  
Friday, September 19, 2003**

**Present:** Aponte, Ardemagni, Ashendel, Bao, Barrows, Beck, Bein, Bersier, Brant, Brothers, Burke, Cochrane, Connor, Craig, Davis K., Davis T., DeWaal, Dwyer, Eberl, Eller, Erickson, Fedor, Foote-Ardah, Freeman, Gibau, Goering, Goff, Goldfinger, Grossmann, Haas A., Hovde, Jackson B., Jackson W., Kloesel, Kryder-Reid, Kubitschek, Lindseth, Lovejoy, McCormick, Mckivigan, Marvin, Mullen, Mullins, Nagelhout, Nnaemeka, Parrish-Sprowl, Potts, Rebein, Rozycki, Sandiwna, Sandy, Sauer, Schick, Sheperd, Souch, Steinberg, Sutton R., Sutton S., Trotter, Upton, Ward, Weeden, White, White-Mills, Wilson, Wittberg, Wokeck

**Guests:** Anthony Tarr, Dean of the Law School, and Chair of the SLA Dean Search and Screen Committee

**1. Call to order.**

**John McCormick**, President of the Faculty Assembly, called the meeting to order at 2:03p.m.

**2. Acceptance of the minutes.**

The minutes of the 26 April meeting were approved unanimously.

**3. President's Remarks.**

President **McCormick** announced that students involved in a class project in New Media requested faculty complete a short survey distributed at the meeting. He introduced the new Secretary of the Faculty Assembly, **Kim White-Mills**, and thanked **Paul Carlin** for his service as past Secretary. He announced **Johnny Goldfinger** would act as parliamentarian. He also announced that volunteers are needed to organize the staff appreciation lunch, which will be held in November. President **McCormick** suggested a departmental rotation of responsibility for setting up the lounge for the Faculty Assembly meetings. World Languages and Cultures would be responsible for the next meeting. He remarked on the state of 508A; the refrigerator and microwave need to be kept clean. Finally, **Jeff Wilson** will be the SLA representative on the School of Science search for their new Dean.

**4. Introduction of new faculty.**

The new faculty members were introduced by the department chairs and/or representatives of the departments.

Communication Studies: Chancellor and full professor - Charles Bantz, full professor - Sandra Petronio, assistant professor - Ronald Sandwina, trustee lecturers - Trevor Potts, Jeff Bile, and Donna Edmond.

Economics: visiting assistant professors - Shah Towfighi, Ayla Yilmaz, lecturer - Mark Chapell  
Geography: lecturer - Nathan Poulderman

History: assistant professor - Melissa Bingham, visiting assistant professors - Jon Coleman, Demetrius Glover, trustee lecturer - Anita Ashendahl

English: lecturer – William Rozycki, visiting lecturers – Lynn Jettpace, Sherra Schick, Tim Stark, FFTF – Chris Hokensen

Philosophy: assistant professors – Cornelis deWaal, Jason Eberl

Political Science: assistant professor - Ramla Bandele, lecturer - Colleen Long

Religious Studies: visiting lecturer - Anthony Baker, Assistant Professor – Rachel Wheeler (who will start in January).

World Languages and Cultures: lecturer – Audrey Gertz

## 5. Election Results.

The election results were reported by **Kim White-Mills**, Secretary of the Faculty Assembly. **Ain Haas** was elected to Agenda Council as an at-large member. Haas will be standing in for **David Ford** during Ford's sabbatical leave Fall 2003. **Margaret Ferguson** was elected to the Nominating Committee. **James Wallihan** was elected to the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

## 6. State of the School Address.

Acting Dean, **Robert White** began by thanking the faculty for completing the conflict of interest report. He asked that we acknowledge the loss of Professors Sherrill and Seregny. Acting Dean, Robert White reported that we now have 145 tenure track faculty. The School of Liberal Arts is at a record 182 graduate students. We continue to grow in majors; an increase of 56. Credit hours are a record high, with an increase of 2.4%. The School of Liberal Arts has its first Ph.D. program and a new M.A. in Philosophy. He reported that faculty publications continue to grow. The capital campaign has had great results. It reached 173% of its goal. Raises for faculty were between 2.35% and 2.90%. Biweekly staff received raises between 1.76% and 2.90%. The state appropriations are down and assessments are up. The projected deficit is \$850,000. The School is not in a crisis, though "we must be careful." Acting Dean White explained that appropriate steps are being taken to move toward a more balanced budget. Finally, he announced he would appoint a number of department chairs to serve as ex officio members of Resources and Planning Committee for the next year as an additional source of faculty input toward a plan to balance the budget.

## 7. SLA Dean search update.

**Anthony Tarr**, Chair of the SLA Dean Search and Screen Committee circulated a packet of information including the search committee member list, position announcements, and correspondence. He reported sixty applications had been received to date, and forty-four circulated to the committee members. The committee will shortlist five or six applicants on September 29, 2003 or conduct telephone interviews to narrow to the list to five or six candidates. The time frame for campus visitation by the candidates will be October 15 – November 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee will present a shorter list of three candidates to Dean of the Faculties, **Bill Plater** by December 1, 2003. Dean Tarr asked for observations, comments or suggestions in reference to: 1) what process should we follow while the candidates are on campus? 2) what characteristics or traits are appropriate for the new Dean? The faculty was encouraged to email responses to any member of the committee. The floor was opened to questions. The committee will consider the whole corpus of applications. The committee is amenable to email. Dean **Tarr** would take the suggestions of giving candidates a set of pre-set questions in advance and offering public time for faculty to address questions of the candidates back to the committee.

**8. Committee Business.**

**Richard Ward**, on behalf of the Common Core Curriculum Committee reported that there remain problems with integrator courses. The issue will be revisited this year. The committee asks that faculty submit courses for approval as integrators.

**Robert Barrows** reported from the Graduate Curriculum Committee. The graduate curriculum committee has been constituted. Faculty members are reminded to complete the new course proposal form correctly. The link to the form can be found on the SLA website.

**9. Report from IUPUI Faculty Council and University Faculty Council.**

**Richard Ward** reported that Chancellor, **Charles Bantz** gave a report at the meeting. Issues deliberated included: food vendors, bookstore problems, and PeopleSoft. Training for use of PeopleSoft will be offered in the spring. PeopleSoft will house course catalogs and templates for student records and advising will be available. Insite will still be available. Construction of the new parking lot will begin in November and it is expected to open by fall of 2004.

**10. No Old Business.**

**11. No New Business.**

**12. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned by John McCormick, President of the Faculty Assembly at 3:12 p.m. All were invited to attend the reception in honor of new faculty.

Respectfully Submitted: Kim White-Mills, SLA Faculty Assembly Secretary