A&S Faculty Senate Meeting
June 5, 2012
Minutes

Present: Katherine Whitcome, Anthropology; Guy Cameron, Biological Sciences; Bruce Ault, Chemistry; Susan Prince, Classics; Srdjan Stojanovic, Mathematical Sciences; Larry Jost, Philosophy; Andrei Kogan, Physics; Janine Hartman, Romance Languages; Neal Ritchey, Sociology; Roger Selya, President; Steve Howe, Heads’ Council; Daniel Langmeyer, Undergraduate Council; Victor Kaftal, Natural Science at Large Representative; Jeff Jacobson, Social Science at Large Representative; Thomas Polger, Humanities at Large Representative; Heather Zoller, President-elect

Roger Selya called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. The first order of business was to welcome the President-elect for 2012-14, Heather Zoller.

Criteria for Holistic Review of Applicants for Admission to A&S
Jessica Donovan presented a proposal from the ad hoc committee on Holistic Review for Admissions to A&S for final approval by the Senate. She reported that the proposal is a formalization of practices that have been in place for two years. Holistic Review is required for membership in the Common Application. The question of approval was called, seconded and passed unanimously.

Math Requirements for Admission to A&S
Jessica Donovan presented a proposal for clarified language on minimal requirements in mathematics competency for transfer students applying for admission to A&S. Discussion was held on the difference of requirements for students applying from UC branch campuses versus elsewhere. The question of approval was called, seconded and passed unanimously.

Council reports
Heads’ Council
Steve Howe reported that, through creative accounting, the college has been running for two months on a budget consisting in 100% faculty salaries. The $2.3 million shortfall for the current AY also remains. Anecdotal evidence suggests that all universities lose money at the transition from quarters to semesters because of low enrollments at the end of the period under the quarter system.

Graduate Council
Katherine Whitcome and Jeff Jacobson from Anthropology presented a preliminary proposal from the Anthropology Department for a new Ph.D. program. Discussion was held on expectations for enrollment, competing programs in Ohio, and financial impact. The question of approval was called, seconded, and passed by a vote of 12-0 with 2 abstentions. A formal proposal will be prepared and brought again in AY 2012-13 to all authoritative bodies in the college.

Undergraduate Council
No report.
Old Business
Victor Kaftal reported that the Academic Program Review Committee has been working with Margaret Hanson in the Graduate School to develop templates for departmental program review, first for graduate programs and second for undergraduate programs. A pilot template might be ready for use in 2012-13. The graduate review template will be controlled by the Graduate School, but the A&S Faculty Senate committee has been effective in its advisory role.

The minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

Roger Selya thanked the Senate for its two initial years of functionality, and the Senate thanked Roger for his two years of service as President. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Prince, Classics
A&S Fac. Senate Secretary