

Minutes

Faculty Assembly, School of Liberal Arts

2:00-4:00 p.m., Friday May 1, 2015 LE 105

Faculty Members Present: Anton, M.; Aponte, R.; Bao, W.; Barrows, R.; Bein, F.; Bell, D.; Bivin, D.; Bjork, U.; Blomquist, W.; Brann, M.; Brant, H.; Bute, J.; Champion-Shaw, Ch.; Coleman, M.; Cramer, K.; Davis, T.; De Tienne, A.; Dicamilla, F.; Eller, J.; Foote, C.; Fox, S.; Freeman, J.; Friesen, A.; Gibau, G.; Gondola, D.; Grossmann, C.; Guiliano, J.; Haberski, R.; Head, K.; Hoegberg, D.; House-Soremekun, B.; Jain, A.; Jogi, S.; Kahn, S.; Kelly, J.; Kostroun, D.; Kovacik, K.; Kryder-Reid, E.; Kuriyama, K.; Labode, M.; Lamb, C.; Latham, K.; Laucella, P.; Lauten, K.; Little, M.; Lovejoy, K.; Lulla, V.; Marvin, T.; McDonald, B.; Miller, L.; Moran, M.; Morgan, A.; Nnaemeka, O.; Pike, L.; Rebein, R.; Reyes, Ch.; Robertson, N.; Roesch, K.; Rossing, J.; Saak, E.; Scarpino, P.; Schneider, W.; Schultz, J.; Shaker, G.; Sheeler, I.; Sheeler, K.; Shrum, R.; Strong, D.; Stump, S.; Theusen, P.; Tucker Edmonds, J.; Upton, T.; Vincent, J.; Wang, J.; Weeden, S.; White, R.; Wilson, J.; Wittberg, P.; Woheck, M.; Wood, E.

Guests: Collins, N.; Gregory, M.; Gregory, R.; Illg, M.; Smith, C.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President David Bivin.

2. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the March 6, 2015 FA meeting were approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. President's remarks—David Bivin

- President Bivin thanked candidates running for SLA offices elections;
- He likewise expressed gratitude for the work of the committees and their chairs;
- President Bivin exhorted members to plan on signing up for committees for 2015/2016; sign up on website; open until next Friday (May 8)

4. Dean's remarks—William Blomquist (10 minutes)

- The Dean asked faculty to please sign up for faculty committees for next year—especially tenured colleagues
- The Bachelor of Arts degree in Law in Liberal Arts was approved by the IU Board of Trustees and is on the agenda for a vote by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education next week;
- The Ph.D. Minor in Medical Humanities has been approved by IUPUI Academic Affairs;
- The top female student this year is Corinne Blackburn, a Sociology minor;
- Among IUPUI's Top 100 undergraduate students this year are Liberal Arts majors:

Elizabeth Alexander
 Mary Ankenbruck
 Joseph Dobbs
 Hannah Ishikawa
 Victoria Lane
 Kayla Rinker
 Levi Smith
 Elizabeth Valencia-Gutierrez, and
 Stephanie Wooldridge

- Among IUPUI's first Elite 50 graduate students are Liberal Arts students:

Tyler Buxser
 Aaron Deason
 Richard Li
 Jamie Maniloff
 Hope McGowen
 Angela Potter
 Joshua Rager, and
 Austin Stanforth

- This year's Plater Medallions for Civic Engagement went to Liberal Arts students:

Jennifer Dewitt
 Mariana Lopez-Owens
 Kayla Najera
 Margarita Robollar
 Jordan Ryan
 Anne Marie Smiley, and
 Levi Smith

- On April 21st, the IUPUI Division of Student Affairs hosted the 8th annual Leadership Reception:
 - Our colleague Amy Jones Richardson was honored as Advisor of the Year;
 - Our Liberal Arts Student Council president, Elizabeth Valencia-Gutierrez, received the William L. Garrett Award for leadership;
 - Our student Hadya Sow (double major in Medical Humanities and International Studies) received the Rising Star Award for her work with the African Student Association, Latino Students Association, Model UN, and Go Abroad;
 - The student organization To Write Love on Her Arms, led by Elizabeth Valencia-Gutierrez, received the award for Student Organization of the Year in the small organization category;
 - The student organization Student Activities Programming Board, led by our student and former Student Council treasurer Andrew Davis, received the award for Student Organization of the Year in the large organization category.

- At the Chancellor's Academic Honors Convocation last week:
 - Our Chancellor's Scholar recipients were Quinn Dilley and Lisa Timme;
 - Another Liberal Arts student, Julia Taylor, was the Chancellor's Scholar from the University Graduate School in the Master's Degree category;
 - And another Liberal Arts student, Rebekah Ryan, was the inaugural recipient of IUPUI's new Sherry Queener Graduate Student Excellence Award;
 - Our colleague Steve Fox, Associate Professor of English and Director of the Writing Program, received this year's Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching; and
 - Our colleague David Craig, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, received this year's Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement.

- Our Trustees Teaching Award recipients for 2015 were recognized:

Kevin Cramer
 Beth Goering
 Jaime Hamilton
 Kim Lovejoy
 Amira Mashour
 Brian McDonald
 Rebecca Shrum, and
 Rosa Tezanos-Pinto

- In case you missed it, on March 26th the annual IUPUI Women's Leadership Awards were bestowed, and Liberal Arts colleagues nearly swept the categories:
 - Our colleague Pam Blevins Hinkle received this year's IUPUI Inspirational Woman Award in the staff category;
 - Our colleague Gina Gibau received this year's Outstanding Women Leader Award in the "veteran" faculty category;
 - Our colleague Gen Shaker received this year's Outstanding Women Leader Award in the "newcomer" faculty category.
- Because our last Faculty Assembly meeting for this academic year fell a little later than usual, I can also share with you which faculty colleagues have attained promotion and/or tenure. (Normally we announce this at the first Faculty Assembly meeting in the Fall because we don't have the final results by the time of the last Faculty Assembly meeting in the Spring.):

Promoted to Senior Lecturer:

David Beck
 Jasper Sumner

Promoted to Associate Professor with tenure:

Estela Ene
 Modupe Labode

Promoted to Professor:

Terri Bourus

David Craig
 Owen Dwyer
 Elizabeth Kryder-Reid
 Scott Pegg
 Eric Saak
 Kristy Sheeler

- Dean Blomquist asked the faculty to please join him in recognizing and thanking our colleagues who are retiring this Spring:

Tim Brothers, Department of Geography
 Dave Coats, The Polis Center
 Karen Johnson, Department of English
 Monroe Little, Department of History and Africana Studies Program
 Patricia Wittberg, Department of Sociology
 Rick Ward, Department of Anthropology (later this Spring).

- The Dean thanked the Faculty Assembly presidents with whom he has served while being dean—Phil Scarpino, Subir Chakrabarti, Enrica Ardemagni, and David Bivin—and the Faculty Assembly Secretaries during that period—Owen Dwyer, Gail Whitchurch, and Eric Saak.

5. Old business: There was no Old Business

6. New business:

Action Items:

- Dean Gina Sánchez Gibau, for the Office of Student Affairs, moved “that the list of 2015 graduates be approved by the School of Liberal Arts faculty.” (2 mins.) The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by acclamation.
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:
 - Charl Champion-Shaw, for the Undergraduate Curriculum and Standard Committee, moved “that the School of Liberal Arts counts 100- and 200-level Native American & Indigenous Studies (NAIS) courses in the Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences as part of the Baccalaureate Competencies in the same manner as courses in Africana Studies and Latino Studies.” The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.
 - The 2014-2015 Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee moved that the SLA Faculty Assembly charge the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee to undertake a review process of the School of Liberal Arts Baccalaureate Competencies. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation

Discussion Items and Reports:

- Faculty Affairs Committee: Faculty Awards
After Wang-Ning Bao gave an introduction to this years awards, Dean Blomquist presented the following Outstanding Faculty Awards:

Outstanding Faculty (tenure/tenure-track): Obioma Nnameka and Jane Schultz

Outstanding Lecturer (non-tenure-track): Stephen LeBeau

Outstanding Lecturer (Associate Faculty): Renee Gregory

- Teaching and Advising Committee report:

Scott Weeden showed who the Trustees Teaching Award winners were, although Dean Blomquist already announced them in his comments.

Advising; participation (19%) of students for online participation in student evaluations; much higher rates of returns in pilots; will continue to monitor progress; how data is gathered from student surveys, etc.;

- Promotion and Tenure Committee report:

Robert Barrows reported on the plans for updating Promotion and Tenure Guidelines, which Dean Upton had asked the committee to undertake. It has been approximately ten years since guidelines had been updated; Barrows introduced the process and the background thereof. Two documents have been posted on the SLA website. Members for read these documents and offer feedback to Dean Upton. Dean Upton urged looking over the documents carefully over the summer as there are some significant changes; the documents will be brought to FA later in Fall 2015. Barrows thanked Andre De Tienne and especially Merle Illg for the work on this issue.

- SLA Honors Program: Eric Saak reported on the SLA Honors Program, noting the highlights of its first year running. They had a good year this, with a number of learning activities. Plans were announced for developing the program further, giving it more structure. A Steering Committee has been formed, and a detailed proposal for the restructuring will be brought to the FA in the Fall.

7. Announcements:

- Karen Johnson's retirement party is today, after FA meeting, 4-6 p.m. 008F in Basement of CA;
- President Bivin presented the following resolution for approval by the FA:

***Resolution of the Faculty in Honor of William Blomquist
upon His Departure as Dean of the
Indiana University School of Liberal Arts at
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis***

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has served the School of Liberal Arts since 2008 during a time of serious financial distress throughout the state and nation; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has effectively guided the school through this period always mindful of the long-term financial health of the school; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has presented a clear vision for the future of the school; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has been an ardent supporter of a Liberal Arts education; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has worked tirelessly to educate the public on the crucial role that an education in the humanities and social sciences plays for developing and maintaining an informed citizenry; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has always conducted himself with the highest regard toward his colleagues in the School of Liberal Arts; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has served as an effective advocate for the school to the campus, the university, and the community; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has demonstrated the ability to think critically and collaborate with colleagues and stakeholders to address complicated issues; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has actively supported and encouraged the internationalization of our campus community; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has fostered an environment of collegiality in the school; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has exhibited a level of commitment to the school through his attendance at many school functions; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has fostered an environment conducive to high-quality research and creative activities; and*

WHEREAS, *Dean Blomquist has continually supported high-quality and innovative approaches to teaching; and*

WHEREAS, *two Ph.D programs have been implemented during Dean Blomquist's tenure as well as a number of new undergraduate majors and certificates, a third Ph.D. program is in the process of receiving approval;*

Now, therefore be it resolved that

The faculty of the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI does hereby convey its deepest gratitude to William Blomquist for his service to the school and honors him on this occasion as he steps down from the position of Dean.

Unanimously approved on motion duly made and seconded on this 1st day of May 2015.

David G. Bivin, President, IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI, Faculty Assembly

A standing ovation followed the vote of approval.

8. Motion to adjourn: The motion to adjourn was made and seconded; passed unanimously by acclamation.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes Faithfully Submitted July 12, 2015

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Secretary of the SLA Faculty Assembly 2013-2015