

Minutes for SLA Faculty Meeting

11/13/09

Present:

Faculty: Anton, Marta; Bao, Wan-Ning; Barrows, Robert; Bein, Frederick; Bivin, David; Blomquist, William; Brant, Herbert; Carlin, Paul; Coleman, Martin; Craig, David; Dicamilla, Fred; Dusso, Aaron; Dwyer, Owen; Ferguson, Margaret; Fox, Stephen; Goff, Philip; Gronfein, William; Grossmann, Claudia; Haas, Ain; Hamilton, Jaime; Harris, Robert; Howard, Jay; Johnson, Daniel; Johnson, Karen; Kryder-Reid, Elizabeth; Marvin, Thomas; Nuetzel, Daniel; Rebein, Robert; Sandwina, Ronald; Schneider, William; Schuvaks-Katz, Daniela; Shepherd, Susan; Sutton, Robert; Tilley, John; Upton, Thomas; Van Wyke, Benjamin; Wang, Jing; Ward, Richard; Weeden, Scott; Wills, Katherine; Wilson, Jeffrey; Wininger, Melvin; Wittberg, Patricia; Wokeck, Marianne

Guests: Illg, Merle; Lewis David; Orme, Bill

Pres. Phil Scarpino opened the meeting (2:03 pm); minutes of the previous Faculty Assembly meeting were approved.

Scarpino commended the unknown person(s) who cleaned the CA faculty and staff kitchen.

Dean Blomquist

- Taylor Symposium will be held of February 25, 2010, hosted by the English Dept. and SLA. The theme is "Voices in the City".
- Dean's Day will be on March 6, 2010.
- Research Day will be on April 9, 2010. Highlights student research as well as faculty research. The dean suggested that we encourage students to present their work from Fall 2009; they will present their work as members on panels or with posters.
- Reminded faculty members to complete the annual Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment forms; they are on-line.
- FERPA Compliance Module must be completed by lead advisors.
- New FAR form has been uploaded; due January 19, 2010. Marianne examined and tried the FAR and thinks that it is better than the one SLA faculty used in previous years. One good feature is that entries from an up-to-date CV can be pasted easily into the web-based form. Research grants and courses are pulled automatically into the FAR.
- Internal grant opportunities for the Arts & Humanities and for curriculum enhancement are not fundamentally different in regard to their processing in the school: all faculty need to contact

the grants analyst, Edith Millikan, in due time (at least two weeks before the deadline for grant submission, because she can help with the grants' budget sections and she will also direct the faculty member to consult with Associate Dean Philip Goff for external grants and with Associate Dean Marianne Wocke for internal grants. All grants that require support from the school (in the form of matching funds or of letters of support) need to be submitted to the dean's office no later than five working days before the grant deadline.

- The current Strategic Plan will sunset with the end of the 2009-2010 academic year; plans for a new Strategic Plan (2010-2015) will be an agenda item at the January Faculty Assembly meeting.

The Dean announced faculty awards and recognition

- Julie Belz, Associate Professor of English won the 2009 Paul Pimsleur Award for Research in Foreign Language Education
- Paul Carlin, Professor of Economics and Chair, received the prize for best published article of 2008 in the journal, *Economic Record*
- Edward Curtis, Professor of Religious Studies published a book, Muslims in America: A Short History was named one of the best books in 2009 in *Publishers Weekly*
- Linda Haas, Professor of Sociology, has been chosen as one of best articles of the year in the annual Rosabeth Moss Kanter Competition.
- Monroe Little, Associate Professor of History and Africana Studies, received the inaugural trailblazer award at the 1st Africana Studies Conference, held at IUPUI, Oct 29-31,
- Paul Mullins, Associate Professor and Chair of Anthropology, has been elected President of the Society for Historical Archaeology.
- Genevieve Shaker, Associate Director of Development and External Affairs is the 2009 recipient of the Bobby Wright Dissertation of the Year Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education.
- Rachel Wheeler, Associate of Religious Studies, publication, To Live Upon Hope: Mohicans and Missionaries in the Eighteenth-Century Northeast, was named one of the year's top five books in history and religion.
- Larry Zimmerman, Professor of Anthropology and Museum Studies, and his student, Jessica Welch had their project on the "Archaeology of the Homeless" featured in *Archaeology* magazine.
- Professors Marianne Wocke and Martin Coleman are faculty members of the Santayana Edition which will be awarded the Morton N. Cohen Award for a Distinguished Edition of Letters by the Modern Language Association.

David Lewis, Dean of the University Library at IUPUI updated the Faculty Assembly on changes and innovations in the cost and storage of scholarly materials online. His presentation was titled "Online Refereed Journals and Solutions for High Cost Student Textbooks"

- IU has several plans to update and cut costs of books and journals. Dr. Lewis is working on one of these plans: Recapturing the Scholarly Record.
- He discussed the growing expense of retaining some journals, which charge exorbitant fees. Usually several journals are published by one company. For example, three companies control Science and IT publishing.
- He underscored the savings for student textbooks on Amazon and Course Smart. For the latter, students pay \$55 for 180 day rental.
- Librarians have been working on other alternative media as well. They have developed a template for online, open-access journals, and they can help faculty to create on-line journals. Also they are exploring and supporting select software for editorial projects with CIC in order to leverage use and costs across institutions nationwide.
- This will be the new way that materials are handled and it will only be expedited when Google makes a deal with publishers.
- There were several questions about copyright infringement; faculty should work with the Center for Teaching and Learning for answers.
- There are also systems being developed that will protect book royalties for faculty authors.
- The discussion then turned to how these changes might effect the process of evaluating journals for tenure and promotion decisions. New on-line journals may not meet the current criteria of “distinguished” journal in certain fields and disciplines. Dean Lewis acknowledged the evaluation of scholarly work presents a problem that needs to be worked through.

Associate Dean Philip Goff discussed funding for graduate students. There are several matching grants available. One is the Continuing Block Grant, which supports graduate students. Note that all of such grants must have SLAL match. Last year the campus made \$200k available to the school which, in turn, committed an additional \$300k to support graduate students.

Eligible students include funds for Teaching Assistants who are teaching their own course as well as those who assist with a course. Graduate Assistants are also eligible for research. Dean Sukhatme also has a 1st year grant for students in order to make IUPUI competitive as it relates to recruiting graduate students

- There is also the Chancellor’s scholarship.
- These grants and the ways in which they are distributed are the purview of the University Fellowship Committee
- Discussion centered on 2nd year funding – as this is the way most universities attracts and retain graduate students.

Owen Dwyer – Reminded faculty of next Friday’s annual Staff Appreciation luncheon (November 14, 11:00 a.m. p 1:00 p.m.)

Marianne Wokeck – Faculty Affairs Committee

- Prof. Wokeck discussed how the PUL Assessment Plan http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/SLA_PUL_Assessment_Plan_annotated_2009.pdf will impact SLA faculty. Assessment of course-specific PULs will be via a gradebook-like feature on OnCourse. We will begin with 100-200 level courses next semester. It is assumed that the deadline for entering the PUL assessment data is the same as for final grades.

New business:

The Graduate Curriculum Committee made motioned to accept the following proposals:

- Department of English requested to change its MA thesis requirement to include an option to a thesis. Supporting documents are posted at:

http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/Memo_Thesis_Option_Proposal_MA_English_2009.pdf

http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/Proposal_to_change_the_thesis_requirement_for_the_English_MA_Program1.pdf

After short discussion, motion carried.

- Philanthropic Studies' Ph.D's minor adjustment to require and count Ph.D. level courses.

Supporting documents are posted at:

http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/Memo_PhD%20Minor%20Revisions%20Philanthropic%20Studies%20Nov%2009.pdf

Motion carried

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee made motioned to accept the following proposals:

- Revision of the English major. The Department of English tweaked the undergraduate curriculum in order to realign the courses students take in each concentration. Supporting documents are posted at:

<http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/Changes%20English%20090901.pdf>

Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramla Bandele, Secretary Pro-tempore