

**Minutes**  
**Faculty Assembly, School of Liberal Arts**  
**2:00-4:00pm Friday, February 5, 2016, LE 105**

Faculty Members Present: Anton, M.; Aponte, R.; Bao, W-N.; Barrows, R.; Beckman, E.; Bein, F.; Belz, J.; Bingham, D.; Bivin, D.; Bjork, U.; Blomquist, W.; Brann, M.; Brant, H.; Carstensen, T.; Chakrabarti, S.; Cohen, M.; Craig, D.; Curtis, E.; Davis, T.; Eller, J.; Ene, E.; Engels, E.; Foote, C.; Fox, S.; Freeman, J.; Goering, B.; Goff, P.; Grossmann, C.; Guiliano, J.; Haberski, R.; Hoegberg, D.; Jain, A.; Kaufman-McKivigan, J.; Kostroun, D.; Labode, M.; Lamb, C.; Latham, K.; Laucella, P.; Lovejoy, K.; Lulla, V.; Lyons, T.; Marvin, T.; Miller, L.; Moran, M.; Parrish-Sprowl, J.; Pegg, S.; Polites, M.; Rebein, R.; Robertson, N.; Russell, S.; Schall, C.; Schneider, W.; Sheeler, I.; Sheeler, K.; Shrum, R.; Steensland, B.; Stump, S.; Thill, E.; Tucker Edmonds, J.; Upton, T.; Van Wyke, B.; Wailes, S.; Weeden, S.; White, R.; White-Mills, K.; Wilson, J.; Wokeck, M.; Wood, E.

1. **Call to Order** — President David Bivin called the Faculty Assembly to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes from November 13, 2015**
  - Motion offered, seconded; the November 13, 2015, minutes were approved.
3. **President's Remarks**—David Bivin
  - Volunteers are needed for the ad hoc committee on the decline in School of Liberal Arts enrollment. At the moment, not very many on this committee. More departments need to be involved. (It would be good if at least one person from every department were represented, but overall the committee should have at least five or six members.)
  - It is the time of year to decide what committees faculty want to serve on next year. Calls for volunteers will be forthcoming.
4. **Dean's Remarks** — Tom Davis
  - Kudos—Awards and fellowships were announced:
    - a. Keiko Kuriyama of World Languages and Cultures won a Japan Foundation Grant
    - b. Elizabeth Kryder-Reid of Anthropology and Museum Studies won a David R. Coffin Publication Grant from the Foundation for Landscape Studies, and a Learning Environments Grant
    - c. Elizabeth Kryder-Reid and Modupe Labode of History and Museum Studies will take part in a National Endowment for the Humanities project, organized by the New School, called the Humanities Action Lab.
    - d. Daniella Kostroun of History has been awarded a fellowship to the Universite de Nantes
    - e. Emily Beckman of Medical Humanities and Health Studies and Bessie House Soremekun of Africana Studies received a New Frontiers Grant
    - f. Joseph Tucker Edmonds of Africana Studies and Religious Studies was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship
    - g. Jeremy Wilson of Anthropology won the Kathryn J. Wilson Award for Outstanding Leadership and Mentoring of Undergraduate Research
    - h. Two School of Liberal Arts students won distinguished thesis awards, Abdul Karim Khan and Abby Curtain.
    - i. Jane Schultz was a historical consultant for *Mercy Street*, the new series now showing on the Public Broadcasting Network (PBS).
    - j. Because of his role introducing colleagues at Readings at the Table and similar events, the dean is impressed by the work of the faculty and asked for applause.
  - The group working on the next Strategic Plan will meet the week of Feb. 8. A retreat is planned to chart a course for the school moving forward. Resources and Planning will continue to work on the materials and the hope is to have it available

- at the April Faculty Assembly meeting.
- Enrollment for courses in the school has been down recently, and as a result, the budget for the school is running a deficit. The school needs to continue to work on recruiting students. In the short run it may be necessary to raise course minima and maxima, increase teaching loads, or have each faculty member teach a certain raised number of students as a minimum expectation. The dean invited faculty to forward other ideas, perhaps during the strategic planning work.
  - A question and answer session followed.

## **5. Old business**

- Revision to P & T document — Subir Chakrabarti
  - a. At the November Faculty Assembly meeting, comments were called for and some were offered. Additional comments were invited from the gathered assembly. After discussion, a motion was offered to accept the document. After it was seconded, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Report from the ad hoc Committee on Freedom of Expression — Eric Saak
  - a. A review of the committee's work occurred. When the review was completed, a motion to vote on the document was offered and a discussion ensued. During the discussion a friendly amendment was offered to make the document an endorsement rather than a resolution. The motion was taken up with the friendly amendment, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
- International Vision Statement — Bill Blomquist and Marta Anton
  - a. Marta and Bill are members of an ad hoc committee developing an International Vision Statement. The statement was mandated by the central administration with a deadline of Feb. 5 at 5:00. The statement could be revisited as the school's new Strategic Plan is developed. A motion was offered to endorse the statement and a friendly amendment was offered to adjust the language on how many programs the students will participate in. This amendment was accepted. After a second, the motion and its friendly amendment were voted on, and they passed unanimously.

## **6. New business**

- SLA Honors Program Development Plan for 2015-2020 — Eric Saak
  - a. The plan's history was reviewed, and when this was completed it was announced that at the next Faculty Assembly, a discussion and vote will occur on the structure of the new program and how students will fulfill the requirements. Comments should be submitted to Eric Saak and the committee. A revision will be brought back to the Faculty Assembly in March.
- A new six year BA/JD degree program — Carrie Foote and Erin Engels (Law School)
  - a. This will be an accelerated program of six years (eliminating a year of undergraduate work). During discussion it was indicated that no additional resources will be required to run the program. A motion to accept the new program was offered and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7. Announcements**

- IUPUI Faculty Council — Julie Belz
  - a. A review of the September, October, November, and December Faculty Council meetings was offered.
- Blue evaluation system — Scott Weeden

- a. The Teaching and Advising Committee is gathering comments on faculty experience with the Blue evaluation system. Comments can be sent to [sweeden@iupui.edu](mailto:sweeden@iupui.edu).
- Marianne Wokeck encouraged more participation on school and campus committees in order to build the cultures of both. The Board of Trustees has been asked to sell land to the Indiana State Archives and put the new building on this land. The new building will be fairly close to IUPUI, and as a result, it may bear directly on programs in our school.
- Eric Saak announced that IUPUI has a rugby team that will play for the national championship. A resolution was recommended to congratulate the team but no second was forthcoming and the motion was dropped.

#### **8. Motion to adjourn**

- A motion was offered to adjourn, and a second was offered. The motion passed at 3:40 p.m.