

## ***Minutes***

### **Faculty Assembly, School of Liberal Arts**

**2:00-4:00pm Friday, November 4, 2011 LE105**

**PRESENT. Liberal Arts Faculty:** Anton, Marta M.; Ardemagni, Enrica J.; Banerjee, Aniruddha; Barrows, Robert Graham; Bell, David Charles; Bell, Linda Green; Blomquist, William Andrew; Bute, Jennifer Jo; Carlin, Paul S.; Chakrabarti, Subir K.; Cochrane, Jennifer S.; Cohen, Mary Ann; Coleman, Martin Allen; Craig, David; Cramer, Kevin; Davis, Thomas J.; De Tienne, Andre; Eller, Jonathan Robert; Ferguson, Margaret R.; Gibau, Gina Sanchez; Goering, Elizabeth M.; Goff, Philip Kevin; Gronfein, William P.; Grossmann, Claudia E; Haas, Ain; Haas, Linda Lee; Jain, Andrea Rene; Jogi, Sumana; Karnick, Kristine Brunovska; Kissel, Francina Kay; Labode, Modupe Gloria; Leech, Tamara Golden Johnson; Lulla, Vijay; Lyons, Timothy D.; Marvin, Thomas F.; Miller, Leslie Leeanne; Morgan, Anita J; Nützel, Daniel C.; Petronio, Sandra; Pfeifer, David Elmer; Polites, Mike; Powell, James Edward; Reyes, Charles; Rhodes, Nancy; Rossing, Jonathan Paul; Schneider, William H.; Schuvaks-Katz, Daniela Carina; Sheeler, Ian Allen; Sheeler, Kristina Kay Horn; Thedwall, Kathryn; Thuesen, Peter Johannes; Tucker Edmonds, Joseph Lennis; Upton, Thomas A; Van Wyke, Benjamin; Wailes, Sharon; Wang, Jing; Weeden, Scott R; Whitchurch, Gail Gráinne; White-Mills, Kim D.; Wilson, Jeffrey S; Wittberg, Patricia A; Zulaica Hernandez, Iker. **Guests:** Brown, Mary Jane; Jones Richardson, Amy; Illg, Merle J.; Herrell, Sue; Sukhatme, Uday; Smith, Candice L.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by FA President Subir Chakrabarti.
2. The minutes were approved as written.
3. President's remarks--Subir Chakrabarti
  - Reminded everyone of the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on November 10, 2011
  - Reminded everyone that this is the last FA meeting of this semester and calendar year. Agenda for January meeting is not so full so far, so please submit any agenda items as soon as possible.
4. Dean's remarks--William Blomquist
  - Update: B.A. in Health Studies and Medical Humanities has been approved by the IUPUI Academic Policies and Procedures (APPC); is now before the IU Academic Leadership Council. If it is approved there, the remaining approval steps are: the IU Board of Trustees, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.
  - Thanks to Margaret Ferguson and Candy Smith for the first Student Learning Forum. The next one is November 29, 2011 2:30-4:00pm in Faculty-Staff Lounge (CA 508). Please attend, and spread the word among colleagues.

- The Spirit and Place Festival begins this weekend, with many events through the following weekend. Spirit and Place is organized by the Polis Center in the School of Liberal Arts, and SLA is also a co-sponsor of the festival. Dean Blomquist drew attention to one event in particular: a play written by one of the IUPUI alumni, Amy Pettinella.

5. Old business: none

6. New business

- a. Staff Appreciation Luncheon Committee: Jonathan Rossing (committee chair) reported.
  - This annual event will be on Thursday 10 November, 11:30a-1:30pm, in CA 508.
  - The School of Liberal Arts has more than 100 staff members, all of whom help keep the School running, and deserve the gratitude of faculty members.
  - The Dean will graciously contribute the turkey breast entree.
  - Faculty members: Please volunteer time, side dishes, etc.
- b. Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC)
  - Kevin Cramer (committee chair) introduced the discussion on the proposal for the PhD in Health Communication; drew attention to the documents on the SLA Faculty Assembly website, which contain the resolution from the GCC, the proposal, and its and supporting documents.

#### Questions and Answers

- Question: Is there a commitment from Dean that this PhD program will not pull resources from the existing M.A. pgms, including the Communication Studies M.A. in Applied Communication program?. Dean: There is a commitment from the campus level; this includes the two new faculty members.
- Question: The degree program indicates the required core courses. What will happen in the early years, if a student has already completed one or both of the courses at the master's level? Kristy Sheeler (Chair of Communication Studies): Exceptions will be made for the first cohort of students, some of whom might already have completed the M.A. course in Communication Theory.
- Question: Is there sufficient space, and other aspects of a PhD program besides curricular issues? Dean: The space issue is under discussion; the PhD proposal is not yet far enough along for a firm commitment. Dean: The Communication Studies Department might need additional staff support (currently 1-3/4 staff persons). Reiterated that not all resources will be from SLA; some will be from the university.

Dean: Commended the Communication Studies Department for identifying other faculty members from across the campus who are eager to have Health Communication PhD students on their research teams, etc. Examples of these faculty members are in the letters of support from units across campus, expressing desire to have these doctoral students on their research teams.

- Question: Will this PhD program be a further drain on existing resources? Dean: Restated campus and university-level support for this program. K. Sheeler: Emphasized the explosion of demand for holders of doctoral degrees in health communication, e.g., in academic positions, in granting agencies, policymaking organizations, etc.

Motion by Cramer: "I move that the faculty assembly approve this program."  
Motion carried unanimously.

c. Address to the SLA Faculty Assembly by *Uday Sukhatme, Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculties*

- Dean Sukhatme presented an overview of the accomplishments from the IUPUI Academic Plan: Major Initiatives and Outcomes (2006-2011). See accompanying document containing a summary of his Powerpoint presentation.
- He then asked SLA faculty members present for their ideas and recommendations for future initiatives.

d. Undergraduate Curriculum & Standards Committee

- Beth Goering (committee chair) introduced the discussion on the proposal that the School of Liberal Arts house the Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) after the School of General Studies disbands. Note: See accompanying .pdf file on the FA website, "Bachelor in General Studies Supporting Documents."

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- Question: Are SLA distribution requirements affected? Mary Jane Brown, Executive Director of the Center for Adult and Lifelong Learning: No; the B.G.S. would transfer intact.

Question: Will General Studies still a university-wide program after the School of General Studies disbands? Brown: No; the School of Continuing Studies is closing, and the programs will move to campuses. Dean: The staff will remain with the Community Learning Network, but that is not a degree-granting unit so the degrees have to move to a School.

Suggestion: Rework the Community Learning Network advisory board after the B.G.S. has moved.

Question: Who makes the final decision, if more than one School's faculty votes to accept the B.G.S. program? Dean: Uday Sukhatme, Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculties, and Charles Bantz, Chancellor.

Question: If the SLA Faculty Assembly accepts this proposal, how clear will reporting lines be, and will the number of years B.G.S. students take to graduate affect the graduation statistics for SLA? Dean: B.G.S. graduation rates are higher than those of SLA.

- Motion by Goering: "The SLA Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee recommends to the Faculty Assembly of the School of Liberal Arts that students formerly enrolled in the Bachelor of General Studies degree program through the School of Continuing Studies be housed within the School of Liberal Arts as their new degree- granting school." Motion passed unanimously.

7. Motion to adjourn

8. The meeting was adjourned by FA President Chakrabarti at 3:25 pm.