

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006
4:00 P.M. IN SOLMS 106**

Present: Jane Wong, Mark Finlay, Tom Cato, David Wheeler, Judy Awong-Taylor, Yassi Saadatmand, Keith Douglass, Lorrie Hoffman, June Hopkins, Todd Hizer, Zaphon Wilson, Sabrina Hessinger, Dick Nordquist, Deanna Cross, Jonathan Roberts, Greg Anderson, Teresa Winterhalter and Joe Weaver.

Brief Reports From Each Unit:

Sabrina Hessinger – PRISM

- Faculty interested in PRISM should contact her
- Gave out grant application on Scholarship of Teaching & Learning. Deadline for grant is 3/15.
- Passed handout to each one present showing faculty participation in PRISM for year 3

Jonathan Roberts – Honors

- He will be the honors director starting in May
- New group of officers
- Socials are being planned
- Students are going to Orlando for the Honors Southern Regional Conference
- Seniors need to finish their honors project

Tom Cato

- Last Sunday AASU hosted the annual U.S. Congressional High School Juried Art Exhibition. Two congressional award winners will have their art exhibited in Washington.
- Showcase concert is tonight, February 21, at 7:30 p.m.
- Piano-Four Hands concert was Sunday afternoon, February 19.
- Talley's Folly is Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week (Feb. 23-25)
- Sat., April 1, is the inaugural outdoor art exhibition and is open for anyone to exhibit
- Handed everyone a CD, "Selected Music," produced by the AMT Department
- Handed everyone the new music brochure
- Tomorrow he is leaving for Boston to interview art historians

Joe Weaver – Liberty Center

- Now in second semester at new location
- Enrollment up 20%
- In the midst of registering for the second 7 week courses

David Wheeler

- Has four tenure track searches going on
- ESL conference and workshop last weekend

- Gearing up for Savannah Read
- This fall SPAN 1001 and 1002 will both be offered for the first time in the flex term
- He's getting together with each faculty member individually over AFE's

Judy Awong-Taylor

- Faculty are busy, overworked and underpaid
- Department has three searches going on
- Busy with AFE's

Yassi Saadatmand

- Economics faculty recently attended and presented papers at the Academy of Economics and Finance (AEF) annual meeting
- One of their students was awarded the distinguished undergraduate research paper at the AEF conference. This is the second consecutive year one of their students received this award.
- Rick McGrath was elected the second Vice President of the Academy of Economics and Finance
- Professor Weinbach has resigned

Mark Finlay

- Busy with curriculum committee and Phi Kappa Phi
- Working on Learning Community stuff
- He's getting opinions on the minor in Leadership Studies coming up at curriculum committee meeting this Friday

Todd Hizer

- Just finished interviewing department head candidates
- Faculty candidates coming in this week
- Seven/eight students going to the American Chemical Society meeting in Atlanta soon to present their work

Greg Anderson

- Advisement workshop, Feb. 22, in Solms 110; good for new and seasoned faculty
- Joint enrollment recruitment meeting on March 7
- 153 students have been referred to them through the early alert program
- Because we are moving to a doctorate in Physical Therapy, more undergraduates will be moving into arts & sciences majors such as biology
- Handed out a new booklet directing students to free tutorial services for this semester
- A waiting list is needed to help students get into needed courses. Upper classmen who can register before lower level classmen are taking/retaking courses which makes it harder for the younger students to get into them.

Dick Nordquist

- Remind faculty that the deadline for the new Academic Service & Leadership grants is Feb. 27
- Teaching and Learning Symposium – late March
- MALPS is on schedule again

- He has 6 extra copies of *Mortal Lessons*, book to be featured in the Savannah Read
- *Latitudes*, new leadership journal, will feature a story about the Gender and Women's conference in its first issue

Teresa Winterhalter

- Showed poster from "Realizing Women's Leadership: The Art of the Possible," coming March 2-4 at the DeSoto Hilton in Savannah. The two speakers are Grace Paley and Leslie King-Hammond.
- Conference exposes students to great literary talent. Fee is \$20 for students for all three days, and 26 students will present their work.
- Proposal for the major went to Atlanta and everything is positive
- There is always a waiting list for GWST courses
- Reminded heads that she relies on their faculty to teach the GWST courses and adjuncts can be used

Keith Douglass

- One search going on now
- Meeting of program review committee tomorrow morning

June Hopkins

- Busy with AFE's
- Sent six students to the Georgia Historical Conference
- 37 submissions for the writing showcase
- CPR team came out last week and they did a good job
- Department has established an award, Part-Timer of the Year, through an anonymous donation and it will be presented to the first recipient on Feb.22

Zaphon Wilson

- Completed CJ search and Angel Geoghagan accepted the position
- Second search cancelled
- Law and Society major was passed
- Redefining Teaching, Scholarship and Service expectations for faculty
- Departmental mission statement needs to be revised
- Looking at the department's P&T guidelines which appear to be more stringent than other departments

Lorrie Hoffman

- Four candidates coming in for mathematics search
- Comprehensive program review folks showing up on Thursday
- Last Saturday over 400 junior mathematicians participated in the high school bowl here

Deanna Cross

- She is at department heads mercy for weekend courses. Asked heads to please consider adding more courses than is required in order to enhance the weekend program.
- She's very busy with searches. Guidelines for interviews are online, and she encouraged everyone to read them in order that all candidates be treated fairly.
- Announced that she will be retiring on July 31, 2006

AGENDA

1. College policy on full-time non-tenure track faculty

Referred heads to their gold handout. Without permission of the appropriate dean and the Vice President of Academic Affairs, no person can serve as a temporary instructor or assistant professor for more than three consecutive years. In no case can a person serve as a temporary instructor or assistant professor for more than five years. Dr. Wheeler isn't eager to go more than three years. Part-timers can teach forever.

2. Issues surrounding grade inflation

Last week Dr. Wong sent grade distributions for faculty to each head. Review and see where your department sits compared to other departments. Some departments have 70% of their grades in lower-level courses A's or B's and others have only 30% such grades. "A" is truly excellent work (people you would invite to become a junior colleague). "B" is above average expectations. Compare faculty in your department to those in other departments. If your part-time faculty are grading inconsistently with regular faculty, please talk to the part-timers. Also, keep an eye on grade inflation in some upper-level courses.

3. Nominations for Staff Member of the Year – deadline is March 10

Last year Todd Hizer recommended Angela Everett in the Registrar's Office. Recommend staff members you feel would be worthy of the award.

4. Miscellaneous

- Pete Mellen and Erik Nordenhaug are elected representatives from the College of Arts & Sciences for the VP search. Yassi Saadatmand is an appointed member of the search committee. Any of them would be pleased to convey our sentiments to the committee.
- Send Mark Finlay your catalog changes

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Sellers