

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 9, 2005
3:30 p.m. in Solms 106**

Present: Ed Wheeler, Mark Finlay, Lorrie Hoffman, June Hopkins, Zaphon Wilson, Todd Hizer, Tom Cato, David Wheeler, Yassi Saadatmand, Jane Wong, Judy Awong, Dick Nordquist, Deanna Cross, Sabrina Hessinger, Nancy Remler, and Teresa Winterhalter.

Two students from the Graduate Student Coordinating Council spoke before the meeting about providing a tutoring service. Tutoring in many subjects will be available six days per week in Victor Hall 227.

BRIEF REPORTS

Jane Wong

- Department is busy
- Faculty search going on to fill Melissa Read's position

Nancy Remler

- Election for honors' officers ends today
- Three seniors have project presentations on November 28

Yassi Saadatmand

- Thinking about adding an international economics track
- Several departmental study abroad programs would support such an effort
- Has a new part-time faculty member with a masters in agricultural economics to teach next semester

David Wheeler

- Four tenure track searches going on now
- Department will be interviewing at MLA convention to fill positions
- Fall 2006 LLP will be offering Spanish classes on flex term; enabling students to complete 1002-2001 sequence in one semester
- Has initiated departmental discussion seeking consensus as to what is "satisfactory" with annual faculty assessment

Tom Cato

- New photography class – Introduction to Digital Photography (recommended for non-majors)
- Have just had two very successful productions: "My Name is Alice" and Randall Reese's student jazz ensemble
- Next week the U.S. Army Field Band will be here, and it should be a sellout
- Department received money from Thunderbolt Museum to beautify its building. Art department did panels for the outside of their building

Judy Awong

- Busy with teaching, research and advising
- St. Catherine's Island is now back on track
- Has two searches going on to replace Guillou and Collier

Sabrina Hessinger

- Completed first round of research grants for PRISM; over half submitted by participating teachers
- Next year PRISM will be going to 85 schools
- Faculty don't have to be science or math teachers to be part of PRISM teaching and learning community
- List serve now available

Dick Nordquist

- Busy with advisement
- MALPS continues to grow
- Faculty Development Committee and the Research and Scholarship Committee have announced winners of grant competitions.
- The current Gignilliat plan has been around for about five years; may now be revised

Todd Hizer

- Department search going on for new head and a new faculty position
- Sending 8 students to the American Chemical Society meeting in Atlanta
- Had meeting with faculty to discuss teaching expectations; another meeting in the works
- Spring semester classes filling up nicely

Zaphon Wilson

- Very excited over hire of a secretary for the department
- Starting a CJ faculty search
- Phi Gamma Nu lecture on November 16

Teresa Winterhalter

- proposal for GWST major should be sent to Atlanta by Christmas
- Trying to recruit affiliate faculty in addition to current GWST faculty
- Asked heads to support the growth of GWST
- Spring conference coming up: Keynote Speaker is Grace Paley
- Proposals from departments are still coming in

June Hopkins

- Encourages faculty to spend adequate time with students during advisement
- Hopkins and David Leaver are advising students with teacher certification
- Department has been asked to host the Southeastern World History Association conference in October 2007

Lorrie Hoffman

- One new hire in process
- Sending team to AMS meeting in San Antonio to interview
- Math 97 and 99 being taught at Liberty Center by Waycross; only place AASU can teach learning support to 18 year olds. AASU will accept these classes.
- Recently department hosted a math bowl
- Five departmental faculty went to Rock Eagle to the state GCTM meeting to present
- Lorrie Hoffman made a trip to Brunswick to review where Gene Barber told her Coastal Georgia's enrollment is growing
- Dunking booth at AASU Day made \$250

Mark Finlay

- His accomplishment lately has been starting to say "no" to students

AGENDA

1. Arts & Sciences Social Events

Wheeler referred heads to handout and asked them to review it and see if they saw any concerns. Wheeler will meet with departmental secretaries who will handle recruitment within their respective departments. Faculty need to sign up so Wheeler will know how much food to order.

2. Phi Kappa Phi Installation and Initiation

AASU got approval to establish a Phi Kappa Phi chapter. The installation and initiation will occur on Sunday afternoon on April 9, 2006, and will be in conjunction this spring with the awards ceremony for minority students who excel.

3. Ossabaw Island

Island was purchased in 1924 by a wealthy Michigan family whose daughter still lives there in a 7000 square foot home. She sold it to the island to the State of Georgia with the proviso that it be used only for research and scholarship. Armstrong has been asked by the Ossabaw Foundation to help form plans for ways this for this to happen. On March 3 we will take a group of biology and history teachers (and K-12 PRISM teachers) to visit the island. If you have ideas of ways to use this natural resource, contact Wheeler with your suggestions.

4. Email Connections

Wheeler asked everyone present if they received the email he sent out about the meeting. Everyone had received it except Zaphon Wilson

5. Miscellaneous

- Greenbars were delivered today, and the exciting news is that they are double spaced
- On December 2, Faculty Development is hosting a dinner for new faculty at the home of Dick Nordquist. He encouraged heads to attend along with their new faculty. Rick McGrath and his wife will cater the event.
- Graduation in December will be at 10:00 and 1:00 on Saturday, December 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Sellers