

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
COUNCIL OF CHAIRS AGENDA  
Friday, December 5, 2014 10:00 a.m.  
STV132**

Presiding: Greg Simpson

Chairs/  
Directors:

Alison Bailey, Ann Beck, Bruce Burningham, David Cleeton, Anthony Crubaugh, Chris DeSantis, Craig Gatto, Dan Holland, Scott Jordan, Larry Long, Craig McLauchlan, Eric Peterson, Ali Riaz, George Seelinger, Jim Skibo, Jim Swindler, Maura Toro-Morn, Diane Zosky, Joe Blaney, Dagmar Persaud, Debbie Fox, Sally Parry, Mike Regilio

Minutes: Tammy Hansen

Call to Order and Announcements:

Report from Dean Simpson

- Thesis deadlines - Deadlines have been moved from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Asked Chairs if they were experiencing problems with the new deadlines. All departments reported having students affected by the change.
- Budget meeting with Provost – no new information, but will keep Chairs apprised of situation

Report from Associate Dean Dagmar Persaud

- Budget – Budget system open. Contact her if you have questions
- Promotion and tenure – has not heard anything from anyone, so is assuming everyone is okay. If there are late submissions, contact Dagmar
- Variance meetings – meetings will be set up in January

Report from Associate Dean Joe Blaney

- IT shutdown
- Bob LeGrand - new programmer
- NFIGs due 12/2 – contact Joe with any issues
- University awards
  - Karen Coats – Outstanding University Researcher
  - Wolfgang Stein & Viktor Kirik – Research Initiative Award
- Holiday party and farewell to Larry Long at Joe's home

Report from Associate Dean Sally Parry

Report from Assistant Dean Debbie Fox

- Dean's end-of-semester update

Report from Chairs/Directors

- Jim Swindler
  - Philosophical meeting
    - Todd Stewart primary coordinator

- Undergraduate Philosophy conference in March
- David Sanson gave a talk during the Physics department Informal Seminar series in November
- Sabbaticals
  - David Anderson
- Ali Riaz – none
- Maura Toro-Morn
  - Working on revising the Latin American and Latino/a Studies website
- Alison Bailey
  - Seeing last candidate of search
- Diane Zosky
  - Hosted 8-year reaccreditation
    - Went well
- George Seelinger
  - Attended annual BEER (Biomathematics and Ecology Education and Research) conference. 2<sup>nd</sup> largest conference in Biomathematics
  - *Letters in Biomathematics* housed in ISU with editorial control here
- Ann Beck
  - Department had seven presentations at the American Speech & Hearing Association meeting in Orlando, FL, November 20-22
  - Hua Ou home with her 2<sup>nd</sup> child
  - Jean Sawyer has had 2 papers accepted
  - Department finishing search for Assistant Professor in Audiology
- Dan Holland
  - Epa Rosa on sabbatical for Spring 2016
  - Candidate search going well
  - There were five grant submissions for this fall
  - The solar car is on its way to Abu Dhabi
  - Received funding to redo the dome lighting in the Planetarium
- Tony Crubaugh
  - Alan Lessoff ended his 11-year run as editor of *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*
  - Fred Walk and Terri Ryburn were featured in the new Alumni Magazine because of their involvement with the preservation of Route 66
  - Issam Nassar's book, *The Storyteller of Jerusalem: The Life and Times of Wasif Jawjariyyeh, 1904-1948* was the winner of the Palestine Book Awards 2014: Memoir Prize
- Jim Skibo
  - Two candidates are coming in
  - Faculty and students will be attending the Midwest Sociological Society's Conference in Kansas City in March
- Chris DeSantis
  - English Studies Goes Public, a public showcase featuring the research and creative works of both undergraduate and graduate students was held 12/9 – 12/10
  - Karen Coats won the Outstanding University Researcher Award
  - Cynthia Huff won the Outstanding College Researcher Award
  - Katherine Ellison won the Outstanding College Teaching Award
  - The Writing Program named a Program of Excellence
- Bruce Burningham
  - 3 faculty members on sabbatical during 2015-2016 academic year

- Department organizing April symposium
- Scott Jordan
  - 3 faculty members on sabbatical during 2015-2016 academic year
- Eric Peterson
  - David Malone had 6-7 articles accepted for publication this semester
- Craig Gatto
  - Search going well
  - John Sedrick on sabbatical in Spring 2016
- Craig McLauchlan
  - Students at Oregon symposium
  - Chemistry ed. Search
- David Cleeton
  - Adrienne Ohler on sabbatical for the 2015-2016 academic year
  - Planning for major workshop in the Spring
    - Topic – FRED (Federal Reserve Economic Data)
- Larry Long
  - Phil Chidester on sabbatical for Fall 2015
  - SMACC interest
    - 8-10 presentations each week
  - Alumni reunion successful
  - Master's graduate student received the top master's thesis award at the NCA conference in November

Approval of Minutes from 11/14/14

Adjournment