

Illinois Wesleyan University
Minutes of the Meeting of the General Faculty
January 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. by President Wilson, the presence of a quorum being noted.

The minutes of the December faculty meeting were approved..

CC

No items were withdrawn from the consent agenda.

Nominating Committee --- Prof. M. Chapman

- A written report has been distributed to the faculty.
- An election is scheduled for the February faculty meeting. There were no qualified nominations from the floor.

CUPP -- Prof. Kearney

- The committee will be meeting later today with the Provost
- The faculty had no questions for CUPP.

Curriculum Committee — Prof. A. Schultz

- The committee recommended a change to the requirements for a Psychology Minor.
- CC noted that one course for the minor has not yet been approved.
- Comment: I recommend that specific courses be listed by number which would meet the minor's requirement.
- Comment: I'm concerned that we're creating a course just for minors that lowers standards.
- Response: In some departments there is no methods course required at all for the minors.
- Response: In the past the psychology department did not require a methods course for minors. Then a requirement was added, but we've found it too difficult to staff that course. So now we want to back off a bit
- Response: The major's course has writing requirements not typically required of minors.
- Question: Will non-majors continue to be blocked out of major's courses in the future?
- Question: Do the number of minors support conclusion minors cant get through the minor?
- Response: The department chair is not here and I don't know the answer.
- Question: On paper the courses are open to all, but the registration process limits the number of non-majors admitted. Will that continue?
- Response: I don't know, but I hope there's really an option for the students to go either way.
- Question: Do we have a history of approving a curriculum without having required courses in place?
- Response: I don't know.
- Comment: It would be helpful to see who the minors are a profile to see if a watered-down course is appropriate
- Comment: Political Science, History, and Economics don't require a methods course for minors at all.
- Comment: We probably want to prevent students from getting credit for more than one of the methods courses or more than one of the statistics courses.
- Response: Yes.
- Motion: Move that this proposal be returned to Committee. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Promotion and Tenure — Prof. Bollivar

- PAT has distributed a written report.
- No questions
- Thanks to Prof. Marvin for Fall Term service to committee; he's on sabbatical now.

Faculty Development Committee — Prof. Theune

- FDC reviewed applications and notification letters went out in December.
- There will be an upcoming non-org sponsored by FDC.

Provost's Remarks --- Provost Cunningham

- Writing program progress
 - = The Mellon Foundation has given us a grant.
 - = Plan to assign a program director to start summer 2008 on interim basis.
 - = We are having multi-committee discussions to discuss formation of a writing group.
- Academic structure
 - = Discussions continue later today with CUPP.
- Academics and the Mideast (ME)
 - = Some institutions in ME want ties to IWU.
 - = Dean Boyd and Prof. Drici will be traveling to ME to make connections.
 - = Reciprocal visit(s) to IWU will follow.
 - = Seminar announcements will be coming this Spring.
 - = We're past first stage to get a visiting Fulbright scholar from the ME.
- May Term Director applications are due later this month.
- You're invited to complete a faculty survey that will come out later this month from UCLA. Individual responses will remain confidential.
- Lunch with the Provost; invitations/emails to follow.
- Question: Will there be funding for CIEE seminars.
- Response: Yes, a grant will support two specific seminars for two faculty members. FDC will review applications. Prof O'Gorman can speak on South American program she attended

Invited Remarks — Vice President Kurz

- web advisory group has looked at our web site
- we will build a new web site that will hopefully be launched late this month
- no new work will be required of departments
- conversions will be seamless
- are doing useability research
- improving the visual impact of the site and improved content too
- will rotate six homepages representing faculty, students, and alums
- Question: Should we expect problems with LUMINIS?
- Response: LUMINIS is not a perfect system. Specific questions are better addressed to Fred Miller.
- Comment- past changes have not been seamless; please add support resources

President's Remarks --- Pres Wilson

- Welcome to faculty coming back off sabbatical.
- Budget
 - = New student enrollments were down slightly; a patch in place; it's a very tight budget.
 - = Next fiscal year planning has begun. We will look at salary policy.
 - = The stock market changes impact endowment. We made conservative projection of 3%

- increase in endowment draw and have done better than that.
- = Applications are up over last year.
- = We've admitted more students prior to holiday break than we did the previous year.
- = Admissions increased alumni network contact with high school students.
- = Chicagoland area meetings will invite prospective student to attend to meet alumni and current students.
- = Admissions will ask faculty to meet with the more attractive applicants.
- Campaign
 - = We're building up to a formal announcement in 15-18 months.
 - = So far the campaign is going very well.
- What happens with Sheean? We've walked through with a number of architects preliminary to discussing options. I'd like to make a decision this year.
- Transitional housing.
 - = We need to begin a program of additional and replacement housing.
 - = We'd like housing fees to fund these changes.
 - = We have purchased some properties on the edge of campus already.
- We're still looking at how to get a Child Care facility.
- We're continuing our security audit and will implement change in stages as finances allow.
- A task force is looking at merit pay for staff.
- Athletics is facing a proposal to divide Division III into D-III and D-IV. If implemented, the divisions will likely distinguish between schools who value participation and have over a dozen sports like us and schools who value competition have 10 or fewer sports with an emphasis on winning.

Old business

None.

New business

None

Announcements

- Were attached to the agenda.
- Questions on library NETFLIX announcement. Can we use the movies in the classroom without copyright infringement? Will this contract impact library purchases?
- Response: Yes to the first. No to the second.
- President Wilson emphasized the upcoming special events for MLK day.
- Colloquium on Jan 25th
- Founders Day on Feb 19th

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by
Bill Walsh, Faculty Secretary