

College of Arts and Sciences
MEETING OF THE ALL-COLLEGE ASSEMBLY
Minutes
October 20, 2009
Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Members present: *Berven, D., Berven K., Clason, Connery, Eis, Evans, Fails, Farrugia, Felton, Grossman, Khattree, Mabee, Navin, Purcell, Rosenthal, Roth, Schweitzer, Stamps, Stoffan, Wood*

Guests present: *Linda Benson, Arthur Bull, Garry Gilbert, Henri Gooren, Stacey Hahn, Mary Hartson, Gerard Jozwiak, Marshall Kitchens, Paul Kubicek, Mary Lewis, Charles Mabee, Jay Meehan, Fran Meuser, Estela Moreno-Mazzoli, Jack Nachman, Ron Rapin, Mark Rigstad, Achmat Salie, Andrei Slavin, Doug Wendell, Jackie Wiggins*

Ex-Officio present: *Robby Stewart, Kathy Moore, Ron Sudol*

Members absent: *Herold, Lombardo, Dvir, Hawkins, Estes, Wright, Williams, Sanders, Ostergaard*

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dean Ron Sudol at 3:40 P.M. He welcomed members and guests to the Annual Meeting of the All-College Assembly.

2. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of September 22, 2009

The minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2009, were approved.

2. Approval of Kevin Laam for Graduate Studies Committee as Fall 2009 replacement for Jeffrey Insko, English (Language/Literature)

Assembly members unanimously approved Kevin Laam for Graduate Studies Committee as Fall 2009 replacement for Jeffrey Insko, English (Language/Literature).

3. Presentation of the Marian P. Wilson Award, Janice Schimmelman

Dean Sudol introduced Janice Schimmelman (Art and Art History) who made the presentation of the Marian P. Wilson Award for 2009 to Christopher Clason (Modern Languages and Literatures) for his article entitled: "O Appetit! Dein Name ist Kater!: Food, Instinct and Chaos in E. T. A. Hoffmann's *Die Lebensansichten des Katers Murr*," *Nineteenth Century Studies 19 (2005)*, 1-16.

4. State of the College Address, Ron Sudol

Dean Sudol provided an overview of the College of Arts and Sciences, the highlights of which include the following:

- Retention rates for ‘First Time In Any College’ (FTIAC) students are interesting. For recent cohorts of FTIACs, 74% on the average return to OU for a second year after completing a first year of study.
- The 4-year graduation rate for FTIACs is 12%.
- The 6-year graduation rate for FTIACs is 41%.
- The above numbers for FTIACs are below the benchmarks of peer institutions. Dean Sudol said that the university will be looking for faculty input to help improve these numbers for future semesters.
- Concerning enrollment, the CAS has more than twice the OU average increase for declared majors. CAS growth is sustaining the entire university, as the numbers show. As far as headcounts go, the percent increase in headcount for the Fall 2009 semester is as follows: CAS 8.5%, SBA -2.2%, SECS -3.5%, SEHS -6.5%, SHS 22.5%, SON 9.0%.
- The percent increase in FTIACs across the university is as follows for fall 2009: CAS 13%, SBA -7%, SEHS -14%, SECS -17%, SHS 42%. Dean Sudol distributed a handout with a table to show the new student enrollment numbers by school and college. The table showed that FTIACs are up in the College and in Health Sciences, flat in Nursing, and down in the other schools. New transfer students are up somewhat in the College and all the schools. At the graduate level, CAS, SBA, SON and SHS had increases in new master’s students, while doctoral enrollment is up across the board. Dean Sudol also provided a table to show the rate of increase or decrease in majors, by school, compared to fall 2008. The table indicated that there are a total of 1,162 students enrolled at either the Macomb University Center or Intermediate School District, compared to 1,211 in 2008.
- The number of majors in new programs is up as well. Cinema Studies has 15 majors, Japanese has 31, Social Work has 66, and Writing and Rhetoric has 28.
- For fall 2009, 95% of graduate students admitted to CAS programs chose to enroll in those programs.
- 410 of the 3,645 graduate students at Oakland University are CAS students.
- The Political Science department has more graduate students than any other department in the CAS.
- There are 263 full-time faculty members in the CAS.
- 52% of all Student Credit Hours (SCH) were delivered by tenured and tenure-track faculty in Fall 2008.
- In fall 2009, the CAS faculty members taught a total of 1499 sections.
- 49 of the sections taught by CAS faculty in Fall 2009 are totally online.
- CAS faculty members submitted 83 proposals for external funding in FY 09.
- Compared with FY 08, indirect cost recovery for CAS in FY 09 increased 30%.
- CAS faculty members traveled to many international locations across the globe, including Puerto Madryn, Argentina; Monrovia, Liberia; Faisalabad, Pakistan; Copper Canyon, Mexico; among others.
- During the recent Campaign for Oakland University, the total of gifts and pledges made by donors to CAS was \$9 million. This was 85% of the goal of \$10.7 million. Significant gifts included: (1) the Barry M. Klein Endowed Chair in Cultural and Globalization Endowed Fund (\$2 million planned gift); (2) the Burke

Visiting Scholar Endowment (\$500,000 gift); and (3) the Joan Rosen Endowed Fund (established with a \$300,000 pledge. An additional gift of \$150,000 was given to renovate space at the Kresge Library for the writing laboratory.); and (4) the Baskin Judaic Studies Gift Fund (\$150,000).

- The College Themes for the next three years are: Frontiers and Borders, Water, and Creative and Critical Minds.
- The next campaign will focus on priority areas that still need funding attention.
- The College will be drafting a new Case for Support that will focus on the priority areas that need funding, and articulate a compelling case to CAS alumni and community supporters.
- Faculty members will be engaged in the process of helping to identify College priorities and case development.
- Volunteers will be encouraged to assist in campaign fundraising by individual's efforts in the CAS Ambassadors or the Dean's Campaign Council.

Dean Sudol concluded his presentation with an update of the new programs that are in the works, which include the following: M.A. in Communication, B.A. in Actuarial Science (presently in the Senate), the BALS (in progress) and an M.A. in Psychology (anticipated).

5. News Items

Dean Sudol announced that the commencement exercises in December 2009 will be the last ones using the current format. He does not yet know what the new format will be.

He reported that according to the Higher Education Act of 2008, a very lengthy document that includes 6 pages about textbooks, the university will be obligated to tell students about the textbook that will be used when they register for a course.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven