

**Arts & Sciences Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 3:30pm**  
**Drake Room, Olmsted**

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Present: Robertson, Perrine, Kilpatrick, Cravero, Garriott, Urness, Kent, Zwier, Harvey, Summerville, Lueth, Jackson

1. Call to order and introduction of members
  - a. Only Wednesday meeting of the year – rest are Mondays
  - b. Missing members Amahia Mallea, Debra De Laet, Christopher Kleithermes, Nicholas Roth, Maria Valdovinos
  
2. Report from the Dean
  - a. HI passed all inspections save fire alarms which will be this Thursday or Friday. Once that is passed, building can be occupied. All three floors will be open September 8.
  - b. 820 EFR for fall 2015 – gained over the summer rather than melted primarily from Bradley and Valpo.
    - i. Budget was 850. No cuts from departments but rather from dean's budget.
    - ii. Significant emphasis on recruitment and especially retention this year. Will receive more frequent communication on admission issues
  - c. Seven active searches in the college due to retirements or resignations so no net loss in staffing but no growth either.
    - i. Positions for kinesiology and data analytics are separate funding and need to hit separate benchmarks in order to grow
  - d. Attend a conversation with President Martin Sept 16 or 17
  - e. A&S Picnic September 13
  - f. Might be on the road this year with development more than Joe was.
  
3. New Business: Proposal for name changes of WLC and Psychology (please see two attachments)
  - a. WLC (Marc Pinero-Cadd): change of name to Department of Languages and Cultures. WLC people were hired as staff intentionally to be a program and not a department due to way modern languages program was eliminated. However they are now all tenure-track faculty. A department needs to offer majors and minors – do offer Spanish minor now and hope to add Spanish major and Japanese minor. Want to cut ties with DULAP – experimental language program that has largely been abandoned anyway. Want to be listed with other college departments, not separately as a program. Mainly semantic difference between

program and department from the administration side but it is important to students to be a department.

- i. Robertson moved to approve name change. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Psychology (Maria Clapham): change of name to Department of Psychology and Neuroscience. Department faculty voted unanimously on the change this summer. Accurately represents activities of department. Over 40 majors in neuroscience since 2011. New name would better communicate what we do and who we are to prospective students and faculty (could help us recruit specific neuroscience faculty). Consistent with what other departments here (like math and computer science) and at other schools are doing. Students can major in one and minor in the other.
    - i. Harvey moved to approve name change. Motion carried unanimously.
4. New Business: Proposal for new concentration in Zoo Science and Conservation (please see four attachments) – TABLED until September 21 meeting
5. New Business: Appointment of chairs of 2015-2016 standing committees
  - a. Tech planning committee: advises dean re: technology issues for A&S, priority lists; implementation; allocation of student tech fees; prioritize capital requests; faculty upgrades). Hard to explain specifics due to all changes in DTS. Chris Gill (new CIO) is starting all over – per him clients are students and faculty.
    - i. Tim Urness agreed to chair. Matt Zwier agreed to serve.
  - b. Diversity committee: Could be most important group in the college this year. Robertson nominated Harvey who declined. Garriott does serve but declined chair. Perrine will reach out to Mallea about chairing and then Valdovinos. If they both decline Perrine will come back to the council for further recommendations. Robertson agreed to serve.
6. New Business: Agenda for 2015-2016 standing committees
  - a. Technology: Mixed experiences on who to talk to regarding technology for research which is different than technology for teaching. Distinguish between and refine communications about it.
    - i. Summerville – first step for group is to meet with Chris Gill quickly so he can make decisions.
      1. What do you (Gill) see after 45 days on the job?  
Report on depreciation in the classroom computing.  
How can DTS speak the language of the college?
      2. How can the governance system of the college work with the DTS structure?

3. What is going to happen to the bandwidth when we get more faculty and students in new majors?
  4. Contracts are up this year for Banner/Blueview and Xerox so what are our options?
- b. Diversity: There were six items from last year. What are one or two things to focus on this year? Will those things become clearer after the climate survey?
- i. Harvey – would like to see this committee tackle searches/faculty hiring – new initiatives from admission are good but can cause retention problems if diversity isn't continued to faculty, too. Also advocate for making diversity a strong component of provost search. Membership of search committee is encouraging and showing there is movement in this direction.
  - ii. How do we mentor and retain those diverse faculty we do hire? How do we demonstrate our commitment to what we promised in the search? Could put money in the FY17 budget for mentoring program. Committee could put together proposals.

## 7. Adjournment

Next meeting September 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Drake Room.