

## **Arts & Sciences Council Meeting Agenda Wednesday, October 29, 2014, 3:30pm**

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Present: Megan Brown, Karen Leroux, Leah Kalmanson, Jennifer Perrine, Matthew Zwier, Martin Roth, Nicholas Roth, Adina Kilpatrick, Steven Lancaster, Joe Lenz, Joanna Mosser, Michael Haedicke, Dina Smith, Megan Martin

1. Call to order  
3:30 PM
  
2. Report from Dean Lenz  
From college announcements and Board of Trustees summary: Council appended the letter to the Provost, which was shared with the Provost and the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee chair.

The next town hall meeting is Tuesday, November 4 at 3 PM. Open topic—an opportunity for campus to bring up questions, concerns, issues to the cabinet. Opportunity to be heard rather than talked to—all are encouraged to attend.

3. New Business: Discussion of recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Organization. Please see three attachments: “Original Governance Recommendations,” “Cabinet’s Revised Governance Recommendations,” and Faculty Handbook with current Cabinet and Council bylaws (sections 2.1 and 1.4, respectively)

Cabinet looked at the document as a whole; Council went through the recommendations one by one.

Recommendation #1: Charge Council with reviewing, and making appropriate changes to, the College’s standing and ad hoc committee structure.

Council discussed the recommendation, moved to vote on it, and approved it unanimously.

Recommendation #2: Select 1-2 Council members for each of the College’s standing committees, one of whom will serve as committee chair, and incorporate regular committee reports into Council meetings.

Council discussed the recommendation, moved to vote on it, and approved it unanimously.

Recommendation #3: Task Council with developing an annual agenda/charge for each of its standing committees during the first meeting of the academic year.

Council discussed the recommendation, moved to vote on it, and approved it unanimously.

Recommendation #4: Populate Council with six at-large members, six divisional members (two each from the Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, and Social Sciences/Humanities), and a Council chair.

Council discussed the recommendation and moved to vote on it. Two members abstained, and the rest voted in favor of Recommendation #4.

Recommendation #5: In the spring of each academic year, elect a Council vice-chair from among new/incoming Council members, by a vote of eligible college faculty.

Council discussed the recommendation, moved to vote on it, and approved it unanimously.

Recommendation #6: Populate the Faculty Cabinet with three elected faculty members (one each from the divisions of the Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, and Humanities/Social Sciences); the Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, and Humanities/Social Sciences Divisional Coordinators; and the Council chair.

Council tabled discussion on Recommendation #6 for now.

Recommendation #7: Encourage Council members to develop and implement formal mechanisms for constituency consultation.

Council discussed the recommendation, moved to vote on it, and approved it unanimously.

Recommendation #8: Encourage Cabinet members to attend monthly Council meetings and require Cabinet to keep a formal record of its proceedings.

Council discussed the recommendation, moved to vote on it, and approved it unanimously.

The recommendations as proposed by Cabinet stand.

Joe: what Council has just acted upon amends the faculty handbook. A clause outlined in sections 1.1-1.4 of the handbook requires approval of

amendments by a majority vote of Arts & Sciences faculty.  
Recommendation #4 is making changes to Council and requires a vote by faculty.

4. New Business: Discussion of Course Proposals approved by Curriculum Committee (please see attachments in zip file)

The courses up for discussion were: SCSR 024; SCSR 120; REL 062; SCSR 155; and SCSS 085.

Council discussed all proposals, moved to vote, and voted unanimously in favor of approving the courses.

5. Adjournment  
4:37 PM