

Drake University

Minutes of Arts & Sciences Council Meeting, September 26, 2007

Attendance: Joe Lenz, Deb DeLaet, Colin Cairns, Eric Saylor, Nicholas Roth, Megan Brown, Charlie Nelson, Dina Smith, Janet Wirth-Cauchon, Betsy Litman, Reneé Cramer, Tim Urness, Jennifer Harvey

- Minutes from previous meeting approved by voice vote.

Report from Council Chair

- Faculty Cabinet met with a representative from the company hired to help Drake with the search for a new A&S dean to discuss priorities for the search process. The LPS department responded to its external review. Cabinet also discussed a problem with the current Academic Integrity policy and recommended that the Academic Integrity committee should discuss summer session cases in the fall.
- DeLaet invited Council members to bring in agenda items for upcoming meetings.

Report from Dean Lenz

- The A&S handbook will be amended to explain how all faculty committee elections are conducted.
- A relatively small group of faculty members has many service commitments while other faculty members have none. Lenz suggested discussing ways to ration commitments more equitably and increase faculty participation in University governance.
- Job searches: 6/6 replacement positions have been approved, and 3/6 new positions have been approved for searches, pending budgetary approval.

New Business

- Discussion of new courses. Cairns asked for clarification of the labeling of SCS courses and Wirth-Cauchon explained that these courses were geared toward different (but overlapping) audiences. Litman mentioned that students were excited about the proposed bioinformatics course.
- All new course proposals (CS/BIO 116, ENG 083, LPS 138, SCSS 074, SCSS 077, SCSS 135, SCSS 146, SCSS 151) approved by voice vote.

Adjournment