

APPROVED

Minutes of Collegial Assembly of September 24, 2008

For Dean Dai, Vice Dean George Palladino called the assembly to order at 2:50 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 1, 2008 were approved.

Introduction of New Faculty Members

Three new faculty members who joined the College in Fall 2008 were introduced to the Assembly. D. Strongin introduced Dr. Bradford Wayland, tenured Professor of Chemistry. O. Hijab introduced Dr. David Futer, Assistant Professor of Mathematics. J. Shi introduced Dr. Haibin Ling, Assistant Professor of Computer and Information Sciences.

Committee Reports

Graduate Committee

T. Burkhardt, for the committee, presented the proposal for the M.S. degree in Information Science and Technology, which was electronically circulated to the faculty on September 12 (available at http://www.temple.edu/cst/facultystaff/docimages/ms_ist_proposal.doc). Noting that the proposal had been approved unanimously by the Graduate Committee, he referred discussion to D. Lefkovitz of CIS. In response to D. Forster's asking about time to completion of the degree, Lefkovitz described the proposed program as 27 credits, requiring 2 years, but possibly 1.5 years. To D. Szyld's question about market research, Lefkovitz referred to a section of the proposal based on Department of Labor research suggesting high and increasing demand. The proposal plans for 12 in-state and 12 out-of-state students in year 1, 18 each in year 2, 27 each in year 3, all of whom would be unsupported. D. Baird indicated that many were expected to come from dual-degree programs. O. Vilceanu noted that feedback from dual-degree students suggested real interest in the program. To B. Conrad's question about competition with the Fox School, Lefkovitz referred to ongoing discussion between the deans. G. Palladino added that Deans Dai and Porat had discussed the programs, which differ somewhat. Lefkovitz noted that most other programs, e.g. the Fox program, had a specific focus, such as operating systems or networks; the proposed program assumes that the projected students already have that knowledge, and are ready to go further.

The question being called and the vote taken, Palladino ruled that the MOTION TO APPROVE passed without dissent.

Undergraduate Committee

G. Ingargiola reported that the committee has been very busy over the summer with new programs and improved access to information for students, including flowcharts on the college website. The issue of computing the GPA in the major was more complex and required more work than first envisioned.

Other reports

To questions from L. Dubeck, D. Szyld, and G. Ingargiola, Vice Dean Palladino replied that Gov. Rendell's recent cautionary statements about the budget stemmed from decreasing tax revenues (later information showed that projected losses in tax revenue led to a decrease of \$7 million in state support for the university); that the university's budget had increased by 3%, less than the tuition increase; that at present, continuing senior-faculty searches were not affected by budgetary concerns, but unless they were completed by October, the issue might be revisited; and that 9 faculty searches had been authorized for this year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by R.J.