

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the Collegial Assembly
February 12, 2004

Leroy Dubeck called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM. The following were present:

Biology	Chemistry	CIS	Geology	Mathematics
Gordon	Dalton	Ingargiola	Anderson	Chein
Hillman, R	Findeisen	Korsh	Myer	Coughlin.
	Jansen-Varnum	LaFollette	Terry	Hijab
	Nicholson	Wolfgang	Ulmer	Letzter
	Williams			Nathan
	Sieburth			Schiller
				Szyld
				Zitarelli
		College		
Physics		Administration		
Borovitskaya		Conrad		
Dubeck		Intemann		
Lyyra		Jenkins		
Romanov		Luehrmann		
Yuen		Nicholson		

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 7 and December 11, 2003 were approved by voice vote.

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Representative's Report

Chein reported that the issue of a second Mathematics requirement in the proposed General Education program would be raised again at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate, on the ground that some members claimed to have voted mistakenly at the previous meeting. Chein noted that President Adamany opposed the two-course requirement, and Chein urged the faculty to attend the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Dean's Report

Acting Dean Allen Nicholson was introduced. He noted that the proposed CST Bylaws approved by vote of the CST faculty had been forwarded to the President for approval, and that, while approval is pending, the College will continue to operate under the University's standard bylaws. **Robert Levis** had agreed to serve as Acting Chair of the Department of Chemistry.

Nicholson noted that President Adamany had stated his intention to begin the search for a permanent Dean in the Fall 2004 semester, with a target date of Fall 2005 for the permanent Dean to take office. The search would be conducted in accordance with the University's Policy on Dean Searches (02.76.11, effective date January 5, 2001), under which the President ordinarily constitutes a search committee, which includes faculty and student representatives from the college in question. President Adamany stated that College and University resources normally available for

hiring would be reserved for the disposition of the permanent Dean; there will be a freeze on Presidential faculty hiring, and perhaps in the hiring of research Dean's Appointments, to be followed by rapid growth under the administration of the permanent Dean. Among the immediate goals of the Dean's Office is improved promptness in response to SPAFs, requests for appointment letters, etc.; Walter Weidenbacher has been hired to assist Greg Wacker, and possibly to provide additional support to Robert Intemann in the handling of TA and RA appointments. For the coming year, there will be no increase in the number of TA lines, but some internal reallocation could occur. The College will soon hire a Development Officer to facilitate its participation in the University's announced \$300 million capital campaign. Among the capital needs of the College is the need for modernized space for teaching and research. Barton Hall, Beury Hall, and BioLife Building are now about 40 years old. A floor-by-floor renovation of Beury, costing about \$6.3 million, is about to begin. The Dean's Office is charged with helping to ensure that the process goes smoothly. Barton Hall needs renovation, and a preliminary discussion has identified the possibility of getting funds from Harrisburg for this task. The President's self-study, available on the University's website, indicates his plans for moving forward on these and other goals. Other issues before the College include continuing recruitment of better students from a wider geographic area, enhancing the Honors curriculum, determining the Math requirement in the General Education program, modifying or eliminating remedial Math instruction, and improving procedures for evaluating and selecting teaching Dean's Appointment faculty. The Provost has expressed support for some multi-year Dean's Appointments, which may aid in recruitment.

In response to questions from the faculty, **Nicholson** said that no letters of offer from CST to new Presidential faculty this year had so far been approved. **Dubeck** noted that Governor Rendell's budget proposal recommended an increase of about 2% in support for universities. Other discussion focused upon the release of departmental overhead-return funds for departmental usage, e.g. ancillary research support; upon the need for a liaison between the Dean's Office and departments affected by the Beury Hall renovations; upon the need for a college-wide committee on instrumentation; upon the desirability of earlier commitment by the University of matching funds for equipment grants, and of establishing a University reserve for bridge funds. Questions were taken from the audience.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Jenkins