

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the Collegial Assembly
March 30, 2000

Louis Raymon called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. The following were present:

Biology	Chemistry	CIS	Geology	Mathematics	Physics	College Administration
Hillman, N. Hillman, R.	Williams	Aiken Friedman Stafford	Myer Terry	Conrad, B. Raymon Srinivasan Schiller	Gawlinski	Platsoucas Hanna

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 17, 2000 were approved.

Reports

Chair: Louis Raymon

The University Counsel and TAUP are being consulted on behalf of the Executive Committee, to ascertain if associate deans who have tenure appointments as CST faculty are qualified to vote on the Bylaws.

The present meeting is the first of a sequence of two meetings, the next being at 1:00 pm sharp in BE 162 on Monday, April 3, 2000. The purpose of these meetings is to give consideration of new programs in Information Science in time so that they may be offered in the Fall 2000 semester.

Dean: Chris Platsoucas.

Gabor Herman, Ph.D. will be joining the faculty of the College in the fall semester as Director of the Center for Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, and as a member of the CIS Department. Negotiations are under way to bring a prominent faculty member from Washington State University to be Director of the

Center for Information Science. Several other searches are under way. We have made an offer to someone in Chemistry, but he may not be able to join the department for a year because of a complication regarding a sabbatical. Candidates are being interviewed in Mathematics and Physics, and Biology searches are under way. We hope to fill most of the open positions while we have the opportunity to do so. In addition to these, there is a search in progress for the Director of the Center for Environmental Science and Technology, who will have an appointment in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. A well-funded and active candidate has been identified, and negotiations are beginning.

A review of the College budget shows that the Plan to Renew is being charged for activities that represent routine College expenses — such as the salaries of the graduate coordinator and the undergraduate advisers. Several needs of the College were overlooked when the budget of CAS was divided between CLA and CST.

New hiring has meant that the College has had to negotiate substantial renovations for new faculty members. The high priority projects at the present time include the laboratory of a new faculty member who has been appointed to the Biology Department and the Environmental Center, Dr. Ee Lin Lim. A second project that has priority is the renovation of the eleventh and twelfth floors of Carnell Hall for the CIS Department. We also have an urgent need to renovate more laboratories in the Bio-Life Building, and to construct space for Academic Advising and the Center for Student Professional Development on the ground floor of the Barton Hall “B” wing. Eventually, Barton and Beury Halls, and the Bio-Life Building will be thoroughly renovated at state expense. The predicted cost will be about \$80 million.

The creation of a new Department of Management Information Science (**MIS**) in the Business School has meant that the information science degree programs that the CIS Department created, managed, and provided instruction, have been taken over by the new MIS Department. The CIS Department has a new Bachelor’s program that will be presented for first reading today. Its approval must be secured by Friday, April 7 so that it can be placed on the agenda of the Board’s Educational Policy Committee (**EPC**). If this is done, the degree can be offered starting in the Fall 2000 semester. The MS program that was approved by this Assembly will not be ready for the EPC in April, but the College will attempt to secure an agreement with the Business School that neither College will oppose the other’s Master’s program.

Raymon asked if the accepted students had better test scores than previous cohorts. The Dean replied that the new freshmen did have better test scores. **Hanna** noted that the SAT scores for incoming freshmen this year were 70 points higher than they were five years ago. Since the SAT test has changed, this translates to a real increase of 30 points. Furthermore, no CST freshmen are on academic probation. The College has 321 freshmen, and 86 new transfer students this year — a considerable increase over the previous year.

Graduate Committee: Robert Aiken.

Nomination forms for graduate student awards for outstanding teaching and for outstanding research will be distributed soon, with a cover letter from the Dean. They must be returned by April 12, and the Graduate Committee will select the winners on April 19. **Conrad** said he would try to have the forms distributed by Monday, April 3. The Dean has also established Dean’s Fellowship. There will be two such awards. Recipients must be candidates for the Ph.D. degree, unless the department does not offer the Ph.D. Dean’s fellows will receive a stipend of \$15,000, a book allowance, and tuition.

New Business

Undergraduate Committee: Robert Stafford

First reading of a motion to approve the proposed BS, BA, and Minor in Information Science and Technology (IS&T). A copy of the program description was distributed at the meeting and forms part of the official copy of these minutes. **Friedman** explained that it is a new program that centers on application system design and analysis. It is expected to attract more students than the basic systems program. The program does have new courses to reflect the influence of the Internet. It does not impact on any existing CIS programs. **Schiller** asked about the mathematics requirement, which is Math C073, C074, or C075 (depending on placement), followed by Mathematics C067. Stafford said that the CIS department wants to work with the Mathematics

Department to design courses that are more specifically addressed to the needs of the IS&T majors.

Aiken expressed thanks to the Undergraduate and Graduate Committees for their work this year on the Information Science programs.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Conrad