

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the Collegial Assembly
April 8, 2005

Aiken called the meeting to order at 2:52 PM. The following were present:

Biology	Chemistry	CIS	Mathematics	Physics
Amini	Jansen	Aiken	Conrad	Burkhardt
Lim	Nicholson	Hughes	Coughlin	Dubeck
Sanders	Strongin	Ingargioloa	Hijab	Intemann
Sheffield		Korsh	Raymon	Lyyra
	Geology	Stafford	Zitarelli	Martoff
CST		Wolfgang		Riseborough
	Grandstaff			
Jenkins	Myer			
Luehrmann	Ulmer			

Approval of minutes

The minutes of March 4, 2005 were distributed. Because of their length, approval was postponed until the next meeting.

Dean's Report

Staff The dean introduced his executive assistant, Ruth Briggs.

External Reviews The Physics Department external review team has visited, and it will soon submit a report to the provost. The review of the Chemistry Department is delayed because of the illness of one of the external review team members. It will visit in September. The Departments of Mathematics and Computer & Information Sciences will have external reviews next year, followed by Biology in the 2007–8 academic year. The dean said that he would try to have an external review for Geology in 2007–8 as well.

Research space A space utilization survey is under way, conducted by the Vice President for Research. Renovation of part of the fourth floor of the Biology-Life Sciences Building will start within a week, with NIH funds and University matching funds. Equipment and faculty members have been displaced to make way for the contractor (Turner Construction). The renovated space will include bio-safety level 3 laboratories.

Planning for renovation in Barton Hall is underway.

Enrollment trends By the measure of paid deposits, the University as a whole shows little change from the same time last year, but the College has a 4% increase.

Awards The deadline for Summer Research Award applications is April 18 at the office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. Awards carry a stipend of \$4,500.

At the April 14 Faculty Awards Convocation, Kamel Khalili will receive the Research Award, and David Zitarelli will receive the Great Teacher Award.

David Dalton was recently named Honors Professor of the Year by the students in the University Honors Program.

On April 21 there will be a symposium on particles and string theory to honor Yoichiro Nambu (University of Chicago), the 2005 Franklin Award winner.

Commencement will be Thursday, May 19. The College of Science & Technology Diploma Ceremony will start at 5:00 PM in the Field House (on the west side of Broad Street, opposite to Mitten Hall). Faculty members who will participate should present, in academic regalia, by 4:45. The College will again host a luncheon for graduates, their families, and faculty members. Last year, this was held in SAC, but this year the event will be held in a tent to be erected in the tennis court area just north of the Field House.

The contract provisions for study leaves and merit awards for 2003-4 are just now being put into effect. An election will be held soon, to select five members of the College Merit Committee.

The final meeting of the CST Assembly for the 2004-5 academic year will be held on Tuesday, May 3.

Associate Deans' Reports.

Conrad reported that it was time to have done one's Faculty Activity Report. Four departments, which were not specifically identified, had made very little progress toward this goal. The remaining two were finished.

Study leave applications have been received from 7 faculty members. These were from two departments, Mathematics and Chemistry. No applications were received from the other four departments.

Intemann reported that the Graduate Faculty will have its annual meeting on May 4, at which the policy on tiered membership would be voted upon. All were urged to attend. The Graduate Board elections will decide 10 open slots. The College has only one continuing member, Marjatta Lyyra. Nominations from the College are needed. Aiken pointed out that the time of the meeting was 3:00 PM. Intemann suggested that those attending the Graduate Faculty meeting should be familiar with the 1975 policy document of the Graduate School, and also referred to a piece recently written for the Faculty Herald by Aquiles Iglesias, Dean of the Graduate School. **Korsh** said that a petition to change Graduate School policy (circulating at the Assembly) requires 25 signatures, but more would be preferable.

Dean Search

Sheffield has inquired about progress of the search. A meeting of the search committee with the president and the provost will be scheduled soon. The chair, Ronald Brown, said that applications have been received. It is likely that interviews of candidates will be scheduled during the summer, with campus visits with the finalists in the fall.

News from the Senate Steering Committee

Aiken reported that the Steering Committee had sent its recommendations for nominees to serve on the General Education Executive Committee to the provost, and the provost had made his selection. No college has more than one representative on the committee and Laura Toran (Geology) will be the member of the committee from CST. The Executive Committee's first task will be to select, in cooperation with the provost (who has the final say),

the Director. Subsequently, coordinators for each of the General Education areas will be selected.

Nominations for the following Faculty Senate Committees are needed:

- Educational Policies & Procedures (EPPC)
- Personnel
- Research Policies & Procedures (RPPC)
- Research & Study Leaves (Leroy Dubeck (Physics) is a continuing member)
- Administrative & Trustee Appointments (CATA)

The Steering Committee met with the president and provost regarding General Education. The committee pointed out that service was not well rewarded. Faculty needed to be induced to commit time and resources to this project.

The committee also met with the new head of the Temple University Press, and found that he had assembled an advisory committee for the press. The Steering Committee was quick to point out that the Faculty Senate also had an advisory committee for the University Press.

The Steering Committee will soon appoint members of the Committee on the Status of Women, to replace those whose terms are expiring. Marjatta Lyyra and Daniel Szyld are the only members from CST, and their terms will expire at the end of this semester.

The College should conduct an election for members of the Representative Faculty Senate soon.

Faculty members who are interested in receiving merit raises should start to prepare their applications. Materials are available in the “Faculty Resources” section of the CST web site. **Luehrmann** added that all full-time faculty members, not just those who are tenured or on tenure track, may apply for merit raises.

Study leaves will be considered by a committee consisting of Richard Beigel (CIS), Edward Letzter (Mathematics), Marjatta Lyyra (Physics), Karen Palter (Biology), Robert Stanley (Chemistry), and Gene Ulmer (Geology). Korsh pointed out that the Assembly ought to approve this committee and made a motion to do so. This motion passed, with 15 in favor, one against, and one abstention.

Undergraduate Committee (Susan Varnum)

The committee has approved one new CIS course, entitled “Programming for Non-programmers.” It will be an elective course for non-majors.

In response to a question about the courses that the pre-pharmacy students will be taking, particularly in Biology, it was pointed out that the Pharmacy School ultimately has the prerogative to specify the curriculum. However, they are aware that any changes must be approached with the cooperation of the departments that will deliver the instruction.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Conrad