

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the Collegial Assembly  
April 13, 1999

Louis Raymon called the meeting to order at 2:57 PM. The following were present:

<b>Biology</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>CIS</b>	<b>Geology</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Physics</b>	<b>College Administration</b>
N. Hillman R. Hillman	Salomon	Kapps LaFollette	Anderson Hill Myer Ulmer	Chein Conrad Raymon Szyld	Burkhardt Gawlinski Lyyra Mihalisin Neville Yuen	Platsoucas

### **Dean's Report: C. Platsoucas**

Searches are well underway in Biotechnology, Neuroscience, Computer Science & Applied Mathematics, and Environmental Science. Two positions have been accepted, by Yury Grabovsky (Applied Mathematics) and George Baran (Biomaterials -- College of Engineering). Both are funded investigators.

The President continues to be very supportive of the new initiatives of the College.

New applications for undergraduate admission have increased 45.5% over the comparable figure for last year, and graduate applications are up 20%. It is our hope that this impressive increase in applications will translate into increases in matriculations as well.

Plans for the Center for Student Professional Development, to be located on the first floor of the "B" wing of Barton Hall, are being drawn by University architects. The area will also house the Office of Undergraduate Advising, a student lounge, and offices for CCST (the student government).

A meeting of the Budget & Planning Committee has been scheduled for next week.

The College has found that activities of volunteer faculty can lead to legal problems if their role is not clearly defined. In particular, their work at Temple is subject to the University Patent policy.

**Szyld** asked the Dean about undergraduate recruitment. In particular, he would like to have a list of admitted students who have stated an interest in majoring in mathematics. The Dean promised that a list would be given to him. The Dean announced that Freshman Seminars were planned to help students who have identified CST as the college to which they wanted to matriculate.

**Lyyra** asked about the applicability of the University patent policy to colleagues from another institution who might be participating in a joint experiment being carried out on Temple's premises. The Dean responded that this would create no problems — the difficult issue to handle involved joint work with employees of a for-profit enterprise.

Szyld asked about the status of the centers that were announced earlier this year. The Dean responded that most of the centers would not become active until the first round of faculty hiring is complete. The Center for Science Education, directed by **Nina Hillman**, has been established and is now active.

**Gawlinski** asked that all announcements of seminars by job candidates be more widely publicized. The Dean said that announcements would be sent to department chairs for distribution.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of March 17, 1999 were approved.

### **Chair's Report: L. Raymon**

The Executive Committee must prepare a ballot for the Faculty Senate election. Representative faculty senators, and a representative on the Faculty Senate Steering Committee must be elected. Volunteers who would offer to be considered for nomination should indicate so to their department chairs, or to their representatives on the Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee are Anderson, N. Hillman, Krow, LaFollette, Mihalisin, and Raymon.

The ballots for the CST By-laws have been counted. There were 36 in favor, 21 against, and 3 ballots were unopened and rejected as improperly packaged. As the number of yes votes was less than two-thirds of the number of votes cast, the proposed by-laws have been rejected. This body can make no substantive motion about the by-laws because proper notice to the Assembly has not been given.

The Executive Committee suggests that the Assembly might either send the issue back to the ad hoc By-laws Committee, or it might elect a new By-laws committee. This could be discussed in the next meeting of this body, which will be scheduled for later this semester in any case, as there are motions on today's agenda that will require second readings.

**Ulmer** said that he didn't receive an announcement of this meeting, and wondered if an announcement was ever circulated. The Chair responded that a motion had been circulated long ago.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

## Old Business

**Neville** presented the second reading of the Biophysics B.S. program for the Undergraduate Committee. The program was unanimously endorsed by the Assembly without discussion. A description of the program may be found on the CST web site, [www.temple.edu/CST](http://www.temple.edu/CST).

## New Business

Ulmer presented the first reading of the Ph.D. degree program in Neuroscience for the Graduate Committee. He reported that the Committee had spent three meetings on the proposal, and that it was well presented in the document. There were no questions from the floor.

Neville presented a first reading of a proposed new policy on double majors in CST for the Undergraduate Committee. The motion, which was not given to the assembly in writing, is as follows:

To complete a double major involving two Bachelor's degree programs a student must complete all requirements for both majors, including four discrete courses.

The Secretary asked for clarification of the meaning of "discrete courses." **Hill**, responding for the Committee, said that it meant that there must be four courses that are counted for just one, not both majors. **LaFollette** asked for the reason that this requirement was necessary. Ulmer responded to LaFollette's question by presenting an example: without this rule, a student can complete a double major in Chemistry and Biochemistry by taking just one extra course. If a student is to receive credit for having completed a double major, more should be required.

The next meeting of the Assembly was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 29, at 2:30 PM. [The secretary notes that due to conflicts discovered after the meeting had adjourned, the next meeting will be held at a later date.]

**Salomon** made a motion:

The By-laws shall be resubmitted without amendment to the faculty for another vote.

The new ballot shall be conveyed with two position papers, one by the chair of the ad hoc By-laws Committee, and one written by someone not on the Committee who would take a position against the adoption of the By-laws.

This motion was not seconded.

A straw vote was taken on the question: This Assembly is in favor of establishing some set of by-laws, although not necessarily the ones that were recently voted upon. This question received 11 votes in favor, and none opposed.

Szyld asked why the Executive Committee would suggest establishing a new By-laws Committee. The Chair responded with two possible reasons:

The committee that wrote the present draft of the By-laws was not elected.

The present committee has put a great deal of effort into composing these by-laws. To be fair to its members, the task should be resumed by others.

The Chair also noted that the Assembly will have to operate without by-laws until the Fall, and will keep its present committee structure until by-laws are adopted.

**Anderson** announced that he would second the Salomon motion. Discussion ensued on how the person to write the contrary position would be selected. LaFollette offered the following clarifying amendment:

Position papers shall be solicited from everyone who has a strong enough opinion to write one, and presented at the next meeting of this Assembly.

The amendment and the Salomon motion then carried by voice votes.

Anderson asked the Chair if the Budget and Planning Committee was going to meet. The Chair responded by referring to the Dean's remarks earlier in this meeting.

Lyyra suggested that the College set up a listserv that would distribute notices of meetings. [The secretary announces that this has been done. To subscribe, send the following e-mail message to [listserv@listserv.temple.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.temple.edu):

sub CST-L Jane Doe

(assuming you are Jane Doe). Leave the subject line of this message blank. Read and follow the instructions of the two messages from the listserv that you will receive shortly after sending this command. As a subscriber, you can post messages that will be received by all subscribers by directing e-mail to [CST-L@listserv.temple.edu](mailto:CST-L@listserv.temple.edu).]

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Conrad