

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the Collegial Assembly
April 16, 2004

Leroy Dubeck called the meeting to order at 3:38 PM. The following were present:

Biology	Chemistry	CIS	Geology	Mathematics
Amini	Feng	LaFollette	Meyer	Chein
Tuszynski	Keyer	Megaloikonomou	Nyquist	Nathan
	Levis	Nosek	Terry	Thornton
	Sieburth	Obradovic	Ulmer	
	Williams			
	Wunder			
Physics		College Administration		
Burkhardt		Intemann		
Dubeck		Jenkins		
Gawlinski		Luehrmann		
Lyyra		Nicholson		
Mihalisin				
Riseborough				

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 12, 2004 were approved as submitted.

Dean's Report

Acting Dean Allen Nicholson noted that this was the last scheduled Collegial Assembly of the academic year; additional meetings could be held as needed. It is still assumed that the search for a permanent Dean will begin after the end of the current semester, and will be conducted in accordance with the University's Policy on Dean Searches, available on the Temple website (Policy No. 02.76.11). Presidential faculty hiring for the year is now concluded. A single hire was made in Chemistry: Dr. Eric Borguet, an experienced chemist from the University of Pittsburgh, an outstanding addition to the faculty. Dr. Nicholson thanked the Chemistry faculty for their successful efforts. No hiring was done in any other department, in accordance with the previously announced decision of President Adamany to conserve resources for the permanent Dean. Enrollment trends continue to be positive; at last report, paid deposits for the entering class in CST were up 15% over last year, the highest percentage increase for any college. Enrollment increases may place additional strain on college resources; departments are asked to keep the Dean's Office apprised of their needs for staffing. Two deadlines will be announced for review of requests for equipment to be charged against the technology funds budgeted to CST. The number of TA positions available to the college has not changed; we hope to increase this number in the future, to assist in teaching and to keep pace with increases in research funding. CST has continued to be

successful in getting new grant funding, and continued efforts are being made by the Dean's Office and Dr. Soprano's office to respond quickly in approval of SPAFs. Three lecture halls in Beury are scheduled for renovation this summer, requiring that Summer Session classes be relocated; the largest lecture hall, BE 160, will be renovated over the winter break. Renovations are to proceed in BioLife, and Facilities Management plans a tour of inspection of CST buildings to identify areas of need, such as distilled-water piping in BioLife. Departmental reviews are scheduled for the coming year in Chemistry and Physics. The process of selecting a new chair of Physics has begun, and selection of a new chair in Geology will begin soon. A CST retreat is planned for early June, and department chairs are asked to identify faculty representatives to attend. The Dean's Office is seeking to fill two new full-time staff positions in Academic Advising, to be balanced by shrinkage in the number of student-worker positions, reducing the possibility of conflict-of-interest issues. The College expects to complete soon the hiring of a Director of Development to aid in fundraising. A policy on the use of undergraduates as classroom assistants is being drafted, and will soon be sent to chairs for their review; the policy will specify that UGAs have no role in testing or grading. In response to the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, the College is considering a new policy for the GPA-in-major requirement. The present policy requires 2.00 in the set of majors courses; a suggested alternative is to identify a subset of majors courses chosen by the department for which a higher GPA might be required. CST is likely to become more involved in teacher training at the middle-school level; talks with the College of Education have begun concerning CST's possible role in programs for teachers.

Nyquist asked whether the issue of minimum GPA for graduate students would be reopened. Nicholson replied that it probably would not be, since protestations had already been made and considered. **Williams** urged the desirability of connecting enrollment increases with requests for new TA lines. Nicholson agreed, noting that the Graduate School's proposed reallocation of RA/TA lines among colleges had not occurred, and that growth in funded research added to the need for additional lines, but that the College already received some additional support from the Enrollment Contingency fund.

Advisory Committee Report

Dubeck reported that the AFSME contract had been settled; among the provisions of the 4-year contract were increases of 2% across the board and 1% merit, a change from the Temple proposal in which all increases were to be for merit. The University's audited financial statement reports an increase in net assets of \$162 million over last year. No response has been received from President Adamany on the proposed CST Bylaws; therefore committees (for which nominations have been requested) will be appointed by the Acting Dean under the provisions of the University's standard bylaws. **Chein** urged that the College inquire of the President concerning approval of the proposed bylaws.

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Report

Chein reminded the Assembly of the coming meeting of the Faculty Senate at which the General Education proposal would probably be voted upon. Two problematic amendments, on the requirement of a second course in The World, and on the 60% rule for full-time faculty staffing of Foundations courses, would again be at issue. President Adamany had made it known that he would

not recommend to the Board of Trustees a proposal that contained a two-course requirement in The World. The 60% rule could impact faculty teaching loads, causing faculty effort to be shifted toward lower-level courses. A strong turnout from the CST faculty is desirable. **Nathan** confirmed that President Adamany had accepted the requirement for two Math courses, but would probably remand to the Faculty Senate a proposal that retained the two-course World requirement. **Ulmer** urged that faculty be reminded by email of the importance of attendance and participation in the decision.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Jenkins