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Minutes of Collegial Assembly of December 9, 2009

Dean Dai called the assembly to order at 2:36 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 28, 2009 were approved.

Dean's Report

Finances: Dean Dai reported that the long-delayed budget bill was to be voted on today in Harrisburg. Senior Vice President Ken Lawrence is hopeful that we will get \$175 million as the state appropriation and stimulus funds. The President and Provost have not yet relaxed restrictions on staff hiring and faculty searches. By comparison with July 1, 2008, the CST budget is about \$1.5 million less. Because some costs, such as tenure-track faculty salaries, cannot be reduced, the largest effect of the reduction has been on non-compensation. We have tried to meet the budget reduction without causing pain or affecting the quality of faculty life. Despite the reduction, we have continued faculty hiring with support from central administration, and completed 9 faculty hires last year, all of whom are now on campus. Another 3 new faculty members are to arrive by January 1. In the period from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2010, we will have added 28 new faculty members, and expect to continue adding faculty. At their last meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the concept of the 20/20 plan, including \$9 million for the first step, relocating the campus electrical supply. This will affect Barton Hall. Three new major buildings are planned: a library, a dormitory, and a new science building, which was approved 2.5 years ago, with an allocation of \$50 million. Architectural planning for the science building, to be located in the parking lot near Engineering, is to start soon, with a target date for completion by 2013.

Introduction of New Faculty: S. Amini, chair of Biology, introduced Assistant Professors Eric Cordes and Amy Freestone, and Associate Professor Raymond Habas. R. Levis, chair of Chemistry, introduced Assistant Professor Michael Zdilla and Professor Michael Klein, recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences. J. Wu, Professor and new chair of Computer and Information Sciences, introduced himself and Assistant Professor Xiaojiang Du. D. Grandstaff, chair of Earth and Environmental Science, introduced Assistant Professor Ilya Buynevich. E. Letzter, interim chair of Mathematics, introduced Assistant Professor Benjamin Seibold. R. Tao, chair of Physics, introduced Professor Xiaoxing Xi.

Administrative Services Restructuring

Dean Dai reported that research funding had increased to \$11 million from \$6 million a few years ago. To improve the research infrastructure, the college has reorganized business services for our 6 departments into 3 centers to handle pre-award and post-award services.

Associate Dean A. Nicholson reported that many Graduate School functions, including admission, will be decentralized to the colleges, and that the transition to Banner is scheduled for January. To prepare, CST is restructuring graduate services for greater efficiency. Eileen Weinberg has been appointed to oversee two administrators who will be relocated to the Dean's Office (400 Carnell Hall) to handle all Banner-based operations associated with admissions and awards.

ModernThink Survey

Senior Associate Dean R. Jenkins briefly summarized the results of a university-wide survey of employees designed to learn what was most appreciated about the institution, and what would improve it. Deans were asked to discuss the results with appropriate groups in the college during the coming semester.

Undergraduate Committee Motions

For the committee, B. Datskovy presented the following MOTION:

The Collegial Assembly of the College of Science and Technology approves the creation of the B.S. in Mathematics-Computer Science with Teaching program as specified in the documents that may be found at http://www.temple.edu/cst/facultystaff/documents/MathCS_TUteach.pdf.

To a question by J. Nyquist, M. Luehrmann responded that it would be difficult but possible to complete the major in 4 years, that a small number of students was expected to elect the major, and that they would have to apply through TUteach and be accepted. The question having been called, Dean Dai ruled that the MOTION PASSED without opposition (2 abstentions).

For the committee, B. Datskovy presented the following MOTION:

The Collegial Assembly of the College of Science and Technology approves the restructuring of the B.A. in Natural Science program as specified in the documents that may be found at http://www.temple.edu/cst/facultystaff/documents/Restructured_Natural_Science.pdf.

Datskovsky noted that the program was intended primarily for students in pre-pharmacy or other health programs who wanted to prepare for middle-school teaching, and that about 12 students were currently enrolled in this major. The question having been called, Dean Dai ruled that the MOTION PASSED without opposition or abstention.

For the committee, B. Datskovy presented the following MOTION:

The Collegial Assembly of the College of Science and Technology approves the restructuring of the B.S. in General Science with Teaching program as specified in the documents that may be found at http://www.temple.edu/cst/facultystaff/documents/Restructured_GenScience_with_teaching.pdf.

S. Varnum noted that the program is aimed at students who intend to teach at about the 10th grade level, with secondary education as their primary certification. The question having been called, Dean Dai ruled that the MOTION PASSED without opposition or abstention.

J. Nyquist having asked about Dean Dai's new concurrent appointment as Senior Vice Provost for International Affairs, the Dean noted that globalization was very important to Temple's future. At present, we have about 1800 international students, mostly graduate students, and increasing the number of international undergraduates is necessary because of changing demographics and budgetary challenges. The goal is to double the number of international students in 10 years, taking advantage of changes in the global economy that make U.S. education a good buy. The present office of international services is being restructured into three divisions: incoming students, outgoing students, and visa services.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by R.J.