

Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2009

Present: Julio de Paula, Dean of the College; Jane Hunter, Associate Dean; Andrew Bernstein, Associate Professor of History; Daena Goldsmith, Professor of Communication; Rob Kugler, Wright Professor of Christian Studies; Liz Safran, Associate Professor of Geological Science; and Terri Banasek, Executive Assistant and recorder.

Agenda Items:

1. The minutes of February 12, 2009, were approved as amended.
2. Faculty Council approved the following language about budgetary flexibility for new staff and faculty positions:

“Dear Colleagues,
Thank you for submitting a proposal for a new or replacement tenure-track position. In the light of the current financial environment, it will be necessary to add a step to the process. This spring the Faculty Council will review, prioritize and approve requests for positions to be filled in the 2010-11 academic year. However, no searches will be authorized until July 1, when the revenue picture will become clearer and we are in better position to assess the risk of making financial commitments associated with hiring faculty.”
3. Faculty Council discussed collaborative teaching models. Dean de Paula noted that Faculty Council needs to be somewhat general on the criteria and that it is important to include examples. The document would consist of two parts: overarching principles and examples.
4. Faculty Council reviewed Student-Faculty Summer Research Grant proposals. Dr. Goldsmith recused herself from the discussion.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 3:30-5:00 p.m.