

**Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2010**

Present: Jane Hunter, Interim Dean of the College; Gary Reiness, Associate Dean of the College; Ken Clifton, associate professor of biology; Janet Davidson, associate professor of psychology; Rob Kugler, Paul S. Wright Professor of Christian Studies; Jim Proctor, professor of environmental studies; and Terri Banasek, executive assistant and recorder.

Agenda Items:

1. Faculty Council reviewed a late sabbatical application.
2. Resolution of Mellon Senior Fellowship: It was agreed to award the fellowship to Elliott Young. Dean Hunter will communicate the decision to the others who applied. Dr. Kugler has revised the due dates for next year.
3. Interim Dean Hunter reported that some of the more exposed Designated Smoking Areas have become unusable. There is some concern on the part of students that the Facilities personnel did not maintain them properly, and ASLC has become engaged in the issue. John Hancock is trying to come up with a long-term fix for DSAs, which may involve construction. (There is a capital building project proposal for construction of DSAs.) Several members of the council expressed concern about the construction of smoking gazebos that will last a while. Yueping Zhang was the faculty member of the committee working on the DSAs, and she is not interested in helping to design smoking gazebos. Dr. Hancock needs help talking to students and communicating to them that it is not a good idea to build a semi-permanent structure. Dr. Kugler will take Dr. Zhang's place representing the faculty perspective. From Dean Limas' and Dr. Hancock's point of view, this is a very troubled area. Students are suspicious that the College is doing this on purpose in an attempt to go totally smoke free. This will be placed on the Executive Council agenda for discussion regarding a target date for going smoke free. It needs to be explained to students that using scarce resources to build smoking structures is not responsible. Dr. Kugler pointed out that much of the damage to the DSAs was human-caused. Several larger and sturdier umbrellas have been ordered and will be in place soon; hopefully they will last through this academic year. It was reported that Dr. Zhang didn't seem to be aware that she had taken herself off the committee. Interim Dean Hunter will speak with her and with Dr. Hancock.
4. Faculty Council continued its discussion of classes with low enrollments.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting in January, date and time to be determined.