

Faculty Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2007

**Present:** Julio de Paula, Dean of the College; Jane Hunter, Associate Dean; Cliff Bekar, Associate Professor of Economics; Ken Clifton, Associate Professor of Biology; Dinah Dodds, Professor of German; and Terri Banasek, Executive Assistant and recorder.

**Excused:** Mervyn Brockett, Assistant to the President; Deborah Heath, Associate Professor of Anthropology.

**Guest:** Joann Geddes, Director of Academic English Studies.

**Agenda Items:**

1. The minutes of November 15, 2007, were approved pending review by Dr. Bekar.
2. Dean de Paula reported on the recent meeting with the ILC. The ILC agreed to work closely with Mitch Reyes on further articulation of the public memory initiative. The ILC is taking on more of a coordinative role in the issues of interdisciplinary studies. It also discussed the idea of scholars- or artists-in-residence. Dean de Paula is seeing this idea come up in many different conversations. This is a hook for fundraising with significant dividends for the College. There is currently the possibility of an artist-in-residence that may be funded by an alumna. Dean de Paula added that, in the context of the HHMI proposal, something very similar was beginning to emerge. The ILC had independently proposed a scholar-in-residence program for interdisciplinary studies in general. This is an idea that in some circles has a lot of buy-in. If we could come up with a College-wide program for scholars-in-residence, we could expand in important ways. Dean de Paula would like this program to be fully endowed.

Associate Dean Hunter said that Manuel Pastor, who recently spoke at the College, proposed the possibility of having a residency on campus for members of the Portland community who are involved in active careers and who have a project that they might want to write up. The College would provide office space on campus and involve students and faculty. The resident would work on the project, give presentations, and go back out into the community with stronger ties to Lewis & Clark. This kind of partnership could be very fruitful for the College.

3. Joann Geddes joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the possible expansion of AES.
4. Dean de Paula distributed a revised draft of the review policy for associate professors. The only change is the timeline (the issue brought forward by Brian Detweiler-Bedell at the faculty meeting) and how to handle those people who have received tenure in the last four years. When do they have this discussion? Those who have passed the six-year mark can have the conversation at any time. The people who have not gone through the developmental

review process post-tenure would be notified to begin the conversation. Faculty Council agreed that Dean de Paula should send the revised document to the faculty for discussion at the December 5 meeting.

5. Faculty Council continued its discussion of a course release policy. Faculty Council members will meet to put together recommendations to be presented to Dean de Paula at the December 6 meeting.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2007, 1:50 p.m.