

Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2008

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.

Excused: Mervyn Brockett, Associate Provost

Agenda Items:

1. The minutes of December 5, 2008, were approved.
2. Dr. Bernstein presented a resolution regarding the smoking policy. Faculty Council approved the resolution unanimously, and Dr. Bernstein will forward it to Tina Blackwell for inclusion in the Executive Council meeting agenda.

“In response to chronic complaints about secondhand cigarette smoke among by the Lewis & Clark community, the Faculty Council recommends that the Executive Council institute a policy that confines smoking to specific locations on the Lewis & Clark campuses. Such a policy is now the norm at a number of colleges and universities across the country, including Portland State University. It is the Faculty Council’s hope that such a policy will be drawn up by the end of the current academic year (2008-09) and fully implemented by the start of the next one (2009-10).

“The Faculty Council also urges the Executive Council to initiate a campus-wide discussion of the personal and environmental impacts of smoking and whether additional changes to existing policy are necessary to make it consistent with Lewis & Clark’s educational mission and values.”

3. Faculty Council reviewed three proposals for the Mellon Postdoctoral Fellows Program.
4. Dr. Safran reported that one of the faculty members in the MNS division has asked that the course release discussion be brought higher on the agenda for further discussion.
5. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Next meeting: Special joint meeting with the Budget Advisory Committee on Friday, December 12, 2008, 1:30 p.m.