

Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 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 for Terri Banasek, Executive Assistant.

Announcements:

- Dean de Paula announced that a proposal will be submitted to the Mellon Foundation for \$800,000, with an answer anticipated sometime this summer. The funds would be available in December.

Agenda Items:

1. The minutes of April 1 and 9 were approved.
2. Collaborative teaching models: Dean de Paula noted that there are some experiments running, and he would like to come to some agreement about the principles.
3. Faculty Council reviewed its work for the 2008-09 academic year. The following agenda items were completed:

Highest priority:

David Savage Award
Mellon Postdoc program application reviews
Capital equipment building requests
Faculty and staff position requests
Sabbatical leave requests
Salary policy and file

High priority:

Collaborative teaching models
Strategic hiring
Distinguished speaker fund
Smoking policy follow-up

Medium priority:

Staffing committees

Dr. Goldsmith will write the Faculty Council report to the faculty

4. Faculty Council began discussion of next year's agenda.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.