MINUTES OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
Sept. 3, 2014 – Wednesday 3:30pm Council Room, 412 Student Union

Call to Order – Chair Mayfield called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Attendance
ASFC Present: Liz Roth (ART), Janette Steets (BOT), Michael Boyle (CDIS), Blayne Mayfield (Chair, CS), Rebecca Damron (ENGL), Erik Ekman (FLL), Allen Finchum (GEOG), Priyank Jaiswal (GEOL), Roger Zierau (MATH), Babu Fathepure (MICRO), Lori Mckinnon (MSC), Jeff Loeffert (MUSI), Apple Igrek (PHIL), Flera Rizatdinova (Secretary, PHYS), Mark Wolfram (POLS), Maureen Sullivan (PSYC), Beth Caniglia (SOC), Carla Goad (STAT), Lloyd Caldwell (TH).

Absent: Jennifer Shaw (ZOOL)

Administration present: Dean Bret Danilowicz; Associate Dean for Instruction and Personnel Bruce Crauder

Minutes of the Aug. 28, 2014 meeting were discussed. Suggested corrections to page 1, last paragraph: “was mostly positive” replaced with “was positive”; “one negative” replaced with “negative”; spelling the word “proposal” is fixed. After corrections, previous minutes were approved.

Current agenda: The proposed agenda was approved.

Old Business: No old business. No Committees reports this time

New Business: Procedure for evaluating funding requests for renovations. Paper copies of the proposal prepared in Spring 2014 by Jeffrey Loeffert were distributed. A motion was made to accept the proposal, and the motion was seconded. The Dean mentioned that he found it useful to have photographs of the space proposed for the renovation. He also reminded Councilors that space renovation proposals of less than $10K are dealt with directly by the Dean’s office. Rizatdinova suggested to change the fixed number (5) of selected proposals per sub-unit of the departments to a number proportional to the size of the sub-unit. After discussion, Chair Mayfield called for a request to amendment the motion. A motion was made to amend, and the motion was seconded. After discussion, the amendment failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 13 opposed. After further discussion, the motion to accept the original proposal passed by a vote of 14 in favor and 1 opposed.

Dean’s report: The Dean discussed the upcoming departmental reports. The Dean’s office encourages the faculty to be involved in the creation of departmental reports. In particular, the report should address the concerns received by the department last year. It also should discuss ways to improve and further development of the department. Departmental reports are due in early April.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm