MINUTES OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 3:30 pm– French Lounge (270 Student Union)

(1) Chairperson Jeff Loeffert called the meeting at 3:30 pm.

(2) Roll Call

ASFC Present: Isabel Alvarez-Sancho (FLL), Leticia Barchini (MATH),
Brad Bays (GEOG) Lee Brasuell (TH), John Gelder (CHEM), Emily Gra-
ham (HIST), Jay Gregg (GEOL) Apple Igrek (PHIL), Ted Kian (SMSC),
Jeff Loeffert (MUSI), Chad Malone (SOC), Stephen Nemeth (POLIS), Pe-
ter Richtsmeier (CDIS), Mark Sisson (ARTS), Gil Summy (PHYS), Mary
Towner (IBIO), Lan Zhu (STAT).

ASFC Absent: Ed Burkley (PSYC), Joe Cecil (CS), Babu Fathepure (MICR),
Lynn Lewis (ENGL), Linda Watson (PBEE),

Administration Present: Dean Bret Danilowicz, Associate Dean Bruce Crauder.

(3) Approval of the May Minutes

Two typos were corrected.

Graham made the motion to approve, Brasuell seconded and the Council
voted in favor of the motion.

(4) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve made by Alvarez-Sancho, seconded by Towner. The
agenda was approved by the Council.

(5) Standing Committees

• College Policy and Planning: Nothing to report.

• Curriculum Committee: The committee is evaluating 317 documents
involving new courses/new programs/changes of name and/or course
description.

• Rules and Procedures Committee: Nothing to report.

• Scholarship Committee: Nothing to report.

(6) Old Business

Junior Faculty Award

Loeffer presented two drafts to the Council concerning the selection pro-
cess and the administration of the CAS Junior Faculty Award. The selec-
tion process was discussed first. The proposal stipulates that the evaluating
committee will consist of three to five CAS Regents Professors and/or Pro-
fessors. The jury will include at least one faculty member from (Science,
Social Science, Arts and Humanities). If balancing representation were an
issue, additional appointments will be made from the faculty (preferably from tenured faculty). The discussion:

- Remarks were made regarding the time-frame of the application and selection process.
- Dean Danilowicz explained that the review will be made during the Spring semester. The award will be given during the Fall A&S convocation.
- Some members of the Council observed that the proposal does not indicate a procedure to break eventual ties. (It was decided that this issue will be revisited in the November meeting.)

Then, the Council engaged in a discussion about the criteria for selection of recipients of the A&S Junior Faculty Award. The discussion:

- The current document on the selection criteria of Junior Faculty Award includes statements like: “A resume of total activities performed only at OSU by the nominee,” and “work only done at OSU.” Malone and Barchini objected. A case was made that the entire body of work of the nominee should be considered. Moreover, it was pointed out that eligibility for the award requires a faculty to have worked at OSU for three years.
- Graham suggested specific language that clarifies the selection criteria.
- Crauder helped clarify some confusion that arose regarding the role of Department Heads in the nomination.

Gregg moved to approve the proposal, subject to modifications that reflect the Council discussion. Bays seconded and the Council agreed.

Wise-Diggs-Berry Award

Loeffert explained that this award is a Teaching Award. The Selection criteria, which follows the prescriptions in the endowment document, was presented to the Council. The document excludes ‘technical writing.” It was pointed out that the English Department no longer offers such a track.

Alvarez-Sancho moved to approve; Brasuell seconded. The proposal was approved.

Parking policy

A department asked the Council to address the closing of parking lots on “Football days.” The Council concurred that the closing of parking lots affects and undermines the academic mission of the University. During the September meeting Sisson volunteered to write a draft and to present it to the Council. The statement was presented during the October meeting.

Sisson’s draft can be viewed as two-fold. On the one hand, the draft includes (a) an statement on accessibility of parking lots during “football, basketball” events; (b) an statement of concern about safety of property and persons due to drinking; (c) a request to hire building security agents; (d) statements regarding the negative effect of parking practices on academia. On the other hand, the proposer tries to suggest solutions. A Plan A, named optimal solution, would make acres of unused land owned by the
University available for visitor parking. A Plan B allows for alternative solutions such as seasonal athletic parking permits.

The discussion:
- As in the September meeting, various representatives explained how their research and teaching is affected by parking lots closing.
- Towner pointed out that the draft is too extensive to be effective.
- Zhu suggested the use of buses to transport students and faculty to their classrooms and/or offices.
- Malone commented that the statement might not be understood by the higher administration.
- Dean Danilowicz suggested that language be included to explain that we have a responsibility towards our students. It is unfair to the students not to have classes, academic support, rehearsals, and access to laboratories because of parking practices. He explained that the higher administration will be sensitive to such arguments.
- Some of the Council representatives supported the inclusion of alternative solutions in the statements. Others did not find such inclusions appropriate.

Alvarez-Sancho moved to present the statement to the University Faculty Council for their consideration. The statement will not suggest solutions. Such suggestions will be further evaluated during upcoming A&S Faculty Council meetings. Gregg seconded and the Council voted in favor of the motion.

(7) New Business
A&S Mentoring Program

The College of Arts and Sciences wants to implement a coordinated mentoring program through the College. Such a program might be specially helpful in supporting minorities.

Even when some departments in the College engage in the mentoring of their young faculty, their efforts can be helped and supported by a College-wide program. The Council will form a committee to identify effective mentoring practices and to implement such a program. Loeffert ask the Council to prepare for a discussion on the topic during the October meeting. Dean Danilowicz emphasized the program would help and support faculty through their career from Assistant Professor, through tenure, up to Full Professor.

(8) Dean’s Report

At the time Dean Danilowicz took office the College was at the bottom of most scales that compare remuneration for service by faculty, clinical faculty and staff. Dean Danilowicz and his team of Associate Deans made equity a focus of their mission. The Dean reported improvement of salaries and working conditions for clinical faculty as well as for staff. In an effort to retain and to fairly compensate staff, the Dean is proposing a five-years review program for staff. The program will imitate a similar existing program for faculty. The program would be supported by the College at an estimated cost of $ 250,000.

(9) Closing

Motion to adjourn made by Richsmeier.