

College of Arts and Sciences  
Chairs' Council Meeting  
February 17, 2009

Agenda

- I. Approval of February 3, 2009 minutes
- II. Update on Status of Three Departmental-level Revisions  
(Interdisciplinary Programs, AAAS, GGA)
- III. Service Learning Designation for Courses
- IV. The Budget
- V. Open Forum

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Minutes  
Council of Chairpersons and Directors  
February 17, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Present: Berta, Cavanaugh, Chambers, Collins, Conant, Dunbar, Glendening, Hall, Halpern, Hudson, Kramer, Lugar, Mitchell, Olsen, Perrin, Pontius, Sauer, Sheets, Skelton, Stafford, Worley

Absent: Boothby, Brown, Feinsod, Hawkins

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

- I. Approval of February 3, 2009 minutes: The Minutes were approved.
- II. Update on Status of Three Departmental-level Revisions (Interdisciplinary Programs, AAAS, GGA)
  - Interdisciplinary Programs proposal has been approved by CAS Administrative Affairs and is under review by CAS' Academic Affairs Committee. Inserted in the proposal was "as funding becomes available" to address the external search for director. An internal search for an interim director in the mean time.
  - African and African American Studies to be administratively housed in the Department of History was approved by the faculty. The proposal was approved by the Academic Affairs Committee. There will be no curricular changes.
  - GGA name change to Earth and Environmental Systems has been approved by the GGA faculty. The name change does not mean a new department, but is an out-growth from Program Prioritization.
- III. Service Learning Designation for Courses
  - Visit the Public Service and Community Engagement web pages for course designation information: <http://www1.indstate.edu/publicservice/facultyinfo.htm>
  - Service Learning does not need to be an entire course, but a section of a course, and is generally defined as course content with a minimum of ten hours.
  - The NCA visitors will expect to see efforts being made in the area of service learning.
  - Some discussion is taking place about how to acknowledge service learning on transcripts.
- IV. The Budget
  - Three options are available. 1) Give up base and benefits for line in Political Science. 2) Consider reducing graduate fee waivers. 3) Anticipate 3 more faculty vacancies over the next 2.25 years.
  - The Dean prefers not to reduce the travel or equipment lines.
  - The President still hopes to provide 3% salary increases this year, but not across-the-board.
- V. Open Forum
  - Faculty evaluations are on hold until faculty governance has had a chance to provide feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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