

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
FACULTY MEETING

Tuesday, 16 October 2012
3:30 PM
Loftsgard 114

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM with a quorum present.

Dean of Libraries, Michele Reid, and subject librarians, Nicole Mason and Carolyn Mead Harvey, presented information on library budgets.

Dean Scott Wood commented that he learned a great deal from attending department meetings and touring departmental facilities. He noted that a new science classroom is the first building priority of the President and Provost, followed by renovation of Ladd-Dunbar. Faculty are encouraged to participate in FORWARD search committee training. One of Dean Wood's goals is to have 60% of tenured and tenure-track male faculty be FORWARD Allies/Advocates by the end of the fiscal year. There may be a financial incentive for the department with the highest percentage.

A faculty and staff meeting with Provost Rafert is scheduled for **Friday, November 30, 10:00-11:30 AM in Century Theatre.** Dr. Rafert will make a short presentation and open the floor for questions. All are encouraged to attend.

New faculty were introduced.

In carry-over business from the spring 2012 faculty meeting, the proposed change to the College standing rules (underlined and italicized below) was re-visited:

“. . . Only those faculty members with a majority appointment in the College of Science and Mathematics and in a tenured, tenure-track, *professor of practice (all levels), research professor (all levels) or senior lecturer* position shall have the right to vote.”

There was a motion and a second to approve the change. Discussion followed. An amendment to exclude senior lecturers was made and carried by a show of hands. A second amendment to require that those in the professor of practice and research professor categories have at least three years of continuous service was made and carried by a show of hands. A third amendment was made and carried that those in the professor of practice and research professor categories may vote on all matters, including elections to the Promotion, Tenure and Evaluation Committee, but may not vote on other tenure issues.

The question was called to approve the original motion as amended three times and the motion carried by a show of hands. The revised policy is:

“Those faculty members with a majority appointment in the College of Science and Mathematics and in a tenured or tenure-track position shall have the right to vote on all matters. Those faculty members with a majority appointment in the College of Science and Mathematics and with three years of continuous service in a professor of practice (all levels) position or a research professor (all levels) position may vote on all matters including elections to the Promotion, Tenure and Evaluation Committee, but may not vote on other tenure issues.”

The discussion of the College policy on professors of practice was also continued from last spring's faculty meeting. Changes were suggested including the recommendation that this policy should closely parallel the College's PT&E policy. In order to adjourn by 5:00 PM, Dean Wood tabled the discussion. Another draft will be circulated and the policy will be reviewed at the next faculty meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Submitted by,
Nancy Suttle

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS FACULTY MEETING

Tuesday, 5 March 2013

3:30 PM

Loftsgard 114

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM with a quorum present.

After opening remarks, Dean Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the fall faculty meeting. It was moved and seconded. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by a show of hands. The College standing rules will be revised with respect to voting as follows:

“Those faculty members with a majority appointment in the College of Science and Mathematics and in a tenured or tenure-track position shall have the right to vote on all matters. Those faculty members with a majority appointment in the College of Science and Mathematics and with three years of continuous service in a professor of practice (all levels) position or a research professor (all levels) position may vote on all matters including elections to the Promotion, Tenure and Evaluation Committee, but may not vote on other tenure issues.”

An election of three individuals to serve 2013-2015 terms on the College Promotion, Tenure and Evaluation Committee was held. Nominations received prior to the meeting were: Mark Clark (Biological Sciences), Anne Denton (Computer Science) and John Hershberger (Chemistry and Biochemistry). The floor was opened for additional nominations; there being none, it was moved, seconded and voted that nominations cease. Drs. Clark, Denton and Hershberger were elected by a show of hands. They will join Ben Duncan (Mathematics) and Linda Langley (Psychology) who are serving 2012-2014 terms.

An election to fill three seats on the Faculty Senate was held. Nominations received prior to the meeting were: Erin Gillam (Biological Sciences), Sean Sather-Wagstaff (Mathematics) and Laura Thomas (Psychology). The floor was open for additional nominations; there being none, it was moved, seconded and voted that nominations cease. Drs. Gillam, Sather-Wagstaff and Thomas were elected by a show of hands to serve 2013-2016 terms. Other Senators with hold-over appointments are Alan Denton (through 2014), Uwe Burghaus, Mark Clark, Friedrich Littman, Gang Shen and Pinjing Zhao (through 2015).

Sean Sather-Wagstaff volunteered to serve on the Senate Executive Committee for 2013-14. There were no other nominations and Dr. Sather-Wagstaff was elected.

An amended version of the College policy on professors of practice was circulated to the faculty last week. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended policy. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion of the process for promotion of a professor of practice. There is no mechanism currently for PoP representation on the PT&E Committee when a PoP is being considered for promotion, although it was noted that the committee is free to meet with whomever they wish to gather more information. Dean Wood will research how this is handled at other institutions.

Alan Denton voiced a concern regarding the situation in which a candidate has received a split departmental vote for promotion and tenure and whether there is a conflict of interest with that department's representative on the College PT&E Committee. There was discussion regarding whether the committee member should recuse him/herself. Dean Wood asked for nominations to serve on an *ad hoc* committee to explore options. Nominations should be sent to him by 18 March 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Submitted by,

Nancy Suttle