

**Minutes of the LAS Faculty Meeting**  
**April 19, 2011 @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**Cardinal Room**  
**Student Center East**

**Approval of the Minutes:** The Minutes of the February 17, 2011 LAS Faculty Meeting were approved.

**1) Opening remarks by Interim Dean Astrida Orle Tantillo**

**2) Report of the Executive Committee**

•Jennifer Tobin reported the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Contingent Faculty

The committee focused on three main areas:

1. Contract/Salary: The minimum salary should be raised and year-long contracts should be given when possible.
2. Three-tier system of promotion and salary levels
3. Appropriate involvement in departmental decision-making

•Mary Ashley reported the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Teaching Loads, of which she was a co-chair.

Recommendations regarding teaching assignments and releases:

Teaching policy should be clearly listed and accessible for each department.

Faculty should be recognized with releases for administrative work where appropriate.

Non-research faculty should teach more courses/provide other services (non-research active status will be defined in each department).

Allowances need to be made for exceptional circumstances, and should be supported by dean

**3) Report of the Education Policy Committee**

•Chris Boyer, chair of the EPC, presented the following program changes for faculty approval:

A: Revision of the major in Psychology-Applied Psychology Concentration and Revision of the major in Psychology with Departmental Distinction and High Departmental Distinction

B: Revision of the major Psychology with Departmental Distinction and High Departmental Distinction

C: Reactivation and Revision of the Master of Arts in Slavic Studies

D. Reactivation, Redesignation, and Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Languages and Literatures

All proposed program revisions were approved by the faculty.

**4) Report of the Dean**

•Associate Dean of Finance, Rich Alpern, gave a short presentation on the budget situation

Given the uncertainties at the state level and the fact that the state is behind in making payments to the university, the College has been asked to plan for budget cuts between 4.7% (\$3.4 million) and 13.5% (\$9.9 million). With the increase in tuition revenue (6.9%, \$7.1 million) and a merit-based salary pool (2.5%) (self-funded), the College is looking at a net change in its budget between a 2.7% increase (\$2 million) and a 6.1% decrease (- \$4.5 million). With the assumption that the worst-case scenario is unlikely, and, due to the College's previous conservative planning, some hiring can occur.

•Dean Tantillo's report:

The Dean reported on the recent visit from the Board of Visitors. The outcome of the meeting produced three concrete areas of commitments:

1) The Board will work on increasing the number of undergraduate internships for our students; 2) they agreed to form a subcommittee to give the College advice on how to better communicate and publicize our endeavors; 3) they agreed to help the College with future college showcase events.

The Dean reported the most recent hires. Several searches are currently still being finalized.

In her report on research accomplishments, the Dean pointed out that, as of March, LAS has generated \$6 million in ICR, an increase of 22.9 % from the same period.

The Dean further reported on her meetings with the undergraduate Student Advisory Board and her meeting with graduate student representatives.

The Provost held a town-hall meeting for all faculty and both the Provost and the Chancellor came to a joint session with the executive officers.

Larry Schook, Vice President for Research for the University of Illinois system, came to meet with the Executive Officers and some faculty members.

Finally, the Dean reported that the morale committee has been receiving faculty suggestions, and the Dean will meet with the committee shortly to hear its recommendations.

**4) Announcements by Interim Dean Tantillo**

-Henri Gillet was awarded the 2011-12 LAS Distinguished Professor Award

- Seven faculty members were awarded the Silver Circle Award:

Kathryn Engel, Psychology

Marsha Cassidy, English

Evangelos Kobotis and Daniel Mitner, Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science

Alan Molumby, Biological Sciences

Jennifer Tobin, Classics and Mediterranean Studies

Robert D. Wirtshafter, Psychology

- Six faculty members were awarded the Award for Excellence in Teaching

David Featherstone and Michael Muller, Biological Sciences

Lorena Garcia and Anna Guevarra, Sociology

Colleen McQuillen, Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures

Jan Vershelde, Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science

Susan Goldman, co-director of LSRI, has been elected to the National Academy of Education, an honorific society of 200 of the world's leading scholars of education.

Michal Pawel Markowski, the Hejna Family Chair in Polish Language and Literature, has been awarded the 2011 Kazimierz Wyka Award for literary criticism and essay writing.

Dirk Morr, associate professor of physics, has been selected as the 2011-12 Leibniz Professor at the University of Leipzig, Germany. This professorship is awarded to internationally-renowned scientists to promote interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to teaching and research in Leipzig.

Christoph Grein, professor of physics, has been elected an SPIE Fellow this spring for his achievements in novel mercury cadmium telluride materials and infrared detectors. SPIE is an international society advancing an interdisciplinary approach to the science and application of light.

Zizi Papacharissi, professor and head of Communication, has been selected as the next editor of The Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media and will begin her three-year appointment this coming fall.

Jennifer Brier, associate professor of Gender and Women's Studies and History and associate dean in LAS, is co-curator of an upcoming exhibition at the Chicago History Museum. 'Out in Chicago,' opening May 21, will explore 150 years of LGBT life in the city.

Recognition of faculty for 25, 30, 35, 40 years of service to UIC

**5) Old Business**

There was no old business for discussion.

**6) New Business**

There was no new business for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sloan Williams  
LAS Faculty Secretary