

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Minutes of the CAHSS Council of Chairs Meeting

Meeting of April 4, 2006
Approved April 18, 2006

Present: Ayoob, Benavides-Garb, Bennett, Berry, Boone, Goodman, Hall-Martin (recorder), Larson, Leeper, Little, Paulet, Paynton, Sievers, Snyder, Sonntag, Vellanoweth and Wells
Absent: Brenneman
Guest: Rees Hughes

MINUTES

The Minutes of March 21 were corrected to change the word “speaker” to “speakers” in the third sentence of the paragraph relating to the Budget Committee report. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

The Minutes of March 28 were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget

No report.

Computing & Technology

The Committee will shortly be submitting two policies to the Chairs for their review and consideration. One is a computer lab decommission policy and the other is a computer lab creation policy.

Curriculum

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday at 4:00 in FH 232, Nathan Van Kelso, HSU Geography Alumni and cartographer for the Washington Post, will be doing a presentation.

Monday at 7:00 pm a slide show by an HSU Journalism Alumni on book publishing will be held in Art 102.

Larson also announced that Emeritus Professor Howard Seeman passed away yesterday.

All four Vice Provost candidates have been on campus and Berry asked Chairs to get their written comments to her for review by the Search Committee.

On Monday, April 10th from 1-2 pm in NHE 106, the Department of Women's Studies will be presenting a lecture by Kavita Philip from UC Irvine on Fishworkers in Kerala, India.

The 39th Humboldt Film Festival began on April 1st and runs until the 8th with short films screening at the Minor Theatre.

The Department of Communication is presenting Dr. Steve Best on April 11 in FH 179 at 6 pm. Dr. Best will be discussion "Crisis and the Crossroads of History: The Need for a Radicalized Citizenry."

In September, the Communication Department will be bringing to campus a speaker from the Sierra Club who will be presenting a discussion on protecting the California coast.

History will be holding a mini-conference this weekend to coincide with the Spring Preview events which will allow HSU History students to present their papers. In addition, an HSU History alumni will be the keynote speaker, presenting a lecture on the Cultural Complications of the Avian Flu.

Ayoob announced that the student concert season is in full swing and there are concerts happening every weekend in April, Friday through Sunday.

The third Chief Information Officer candidate will be on campus Thursday.

A new student art exhibition has opened at the Reese Bullen Gallery.

Bob Snyder was congratulated for being named permanent Dean of CAHSS.

Philosophy requested permission from the Chairs to put forward a position request to replace the Dean's position. Chairs were agreeable to receiving a position request.

The Dean explained to the Chairs the process and rationale for recommending that Mark Baker be appointed in Government & Politics to lead the Environment and the Community Master's program.

AD HOC SUMMER COMMITTEE

Wells informed Chairs that three faculty had put their names forward to serve on the Ad Hoc Summer Committee: Kay LaBahn Clark, Mary Scoggin and Keith Schneider. The committee will meet shortly to begin their work.

GRADUATION

Wells asked Chairs to let their name readers know that a rehearsal will be held May 12 from 1-2. There will be 6 marshals this year to help get all the participants into their seats.

ELECTIONS

Another listing of vacancies was distributed to Chairs for faculty elections. It is crucial that faculty to run in these elections be found.

WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES PROGRAM REVIEW

Discussion resumed regarding WLC's program review. Wells reviewed with the Chairs issued raised in the previous two discussions of the program review. Chairs had additional questions for Benavides-Garb to which he responded. Rather than rewrite the entire program review to address Chairs' concerns, it was suggested that perhaps a new introduction or addendum might be appended. **M/S:** That the WLC Department prepare an addendum to the program review addressing the questions posed by the CAHSS Council of Chairs. The motion passed. Once the addendum is completed, it will go forward with the Chairs' concerns and the program review to the next level.

FRESHMEN INTEREST GROUPS

Rees Hughes joined the Chairs to distribute information about the FIG offerings for Fall 2006 and to discuss the importance of this program. He asked Chairs to encourage their faculty to refer freshman advisees who might be suited to the FIG learning communities to the program during the orientation/advising sessions this summer. Students who participate in the FIG program have higher retention rates and report that they are satisfied with the program and would do it again.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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