

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Minutes of the CAHSS Council of Chairs Meeting

Meeting of March 22, 2007
Approved April 5, 2007
Approval Rescinded May 3, 2007
Minutes Amended and Approved May 3, 2007

Present: Ayoob, Bennett, Berry, Brenneman, Cheyne, Crawford, Goodman, Hall-Martin (recorder), LaBahn Clark, Leeper, Little, Meyer, Paulet, Paynton, Smith, Snyder, and Wells
Absent: Larson
Guests: Joy Adams

MINUTES

The Minutes of March 8, 2007, were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enrollment Information

The Dean distributed the latest enrollment information to the Chairs.

Potential Strike

The CFA contract will expire on Sunday and action can begin any time after that. The Provost will be presenting information to the Chairs at a meeting tomorrow and as soon as the Dean's Office receives solid information it will be forwarded to everyone in the College.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET

No report.

COMPUTING AND TELECOMMUNICATION

No report.

CURRICULUM

No report.

Subcommittee for Assessing Programs for Possible Elimination

Chairs received the faculty survey results the subcommittee compiled at an earlier meeting. Cheyne briefly discussed the survey with the Chairs and asked if they wished the subcommittee to provide any further information. Until it is clear what actual cuts will be, no action will be taken.

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS PROGRAM REVIEW

Chairs discussion of the Government & Politics Program Review continued. Meyer reminded Chairs that the report of the external reviewer was sent to them electronically after the initial review presentation. He addressed the report and the Department's response to same and fielded questions from Chairs. Suggestions by the Chairs included putting a formal request for resources in the proposal and prioritizing the requested items such as equipment, temp help, etc. **M/S:** To recommend approval of the Government & Politics Program Review and send it forward to the next level with the addition of a resource request by the Department. The motion was approved.

BUDGET

The Dean gave Chairs the most recent budget information. The UBC recommendations will issue Friday and after that time it is anticipated that directives will be given to the Deans to prepare scenarios for cuts, one with the student fee increase and one without. We are in a holding pattern until reduction levels are determined and given to the colleges. The Dean believed the best-case scenario would be around a \$300,000 cut for CAHSS. The question for discussion was whether or not these cuts should be prorated to the colleges, to deal with internally, or handed at a higher level through program elimination. After considerable discussion, the Dean understood a majority of chairs supported further reductions coming through program elimination at a level higher than the college. Further, the Dean understood a majority of chairs supported the deans and the Provost taking the lead in developing the criteria and process for selecting those programs that would be reviewed, using the standard process, for program elimination. The Dean reminded Chairs that any cuts should be understood as permanent in the sense that the cuts are not short-term measures that would be restored when funding is available.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

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