

A&S Faculty Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
3:30 PM, West End Board Room, 18th Floor, POT

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

- 1) Executive Committee Chair Virginia Blum welcomed attendees and introduced the EC members.
- 2) Educational Policy Committee Chair David Olster introduced the EPC members and discussed the major issues that faced the EPC during AY09, namely the proposed USP revisions.
- 3) Interim Dean Philip Harling gave a State of the College address.

Interim Dean Harling reported that Provost Subbaswamy has requested all colleges to submit plans for budget reductions for AY10. Dean Harling presented the College's proposed 2 percent (\$1.035M) and 4 percent (\$2.070M) budget cuts. The Interim Dean stated that in light of the projected budget cuts the College will continue to make progress on many of its goals, albeit at a slightly slower pace.

The Interim Dean updated those in attendance on the College enrollment numbers and retention rates. The College currently has 5217 undergraduate majors and 945 graduate students. The A&S first-year-to-second-year undergraduate retention rate is at an all-time high at 84.6%.

The Interim Dean discussed improvements in the student experience, including the newly implemented, department-based mentoring programs for undergraduate majors as well as the department-based teaching workshops. He also outlined the challenges that continue to face the college: (1) faculty lines and salaries; (2) TA lines and stipends; (3) infrastructure; and (4) diversity.

Interim Dean Harling concluded by reporting on the College's development efforts.

- 4) An amendment to the Rules of the Faculty was presented, but there were not enough faculty in attendance to call for a vote. The amendment will be placed on an electronic ballot that will be circulated to all faculty via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Turner