

HUMANITIES AND NATURAL SCIENCES COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

March 15, 2007

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The College Assembly was called to order by Dean Frank Scully at 12:30 PM on Thursday, March 15, 2007 in Room 332 of Bobet Hall. Attended: Adams, Anderson, Anderson (proxy), Beard, Berendzen, Bernardi, Biguenet, Birdwhistell, Blundell, Bourgeois, Brazier, Brisco, Brungardt, Butler, Cahill, Calzada, Chambers, Cook, Coolidge, Cotton, Dewell, Doll, Dorn, Egejura, Ewell, Fernandez, Gerlich, Gnuse, Gossiaux, Hammer, Hood, Hrebik, Hymel, Janz (proxy), Kargol, Kelly, Keulman, Knight, Koplitz, Kornovich, Lewis, Li, Matthews, McCay, McCormack, McHugh, Moore, Mui, Nicoll, Rogers, Ross, Rowntree, Scariano, Sebastian, Shuh, Spence, Tucci, Waguespack, Wessinger (proxy), Zucker.

II. INVOCATION

Rev. Leo A. Nicoll, S.J. delivered the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 8, 2006 were considered. Correction: Move Dr. Koplitz's name to its alphabetical position on the attendance list. The minutes were approved with that correction.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Award Nominations -- Dean Scully urged faculty and chairs to answer the call for nominations for the four HuNS Faculty Excellence Awards in the areas of Teaching, Research, Community Service, and Advising. He said the awards are important and also afford outside recognition.
2. Director of the University Honors Program -- Dean Scully said that the Director of the University Honors Program forms are being solicited will be reviewed next week by the University Honors Advisory Board, and the Dean in consultation with the Provost will make the appointments.
3. Loyola Faculty Defense Fund -- Lynn Koplitz said that the "Loyola Faculty Defense Fund" account was accepting donations, these could be placed in the envelope on the front table during the assembly, and checks should be made payable to the account name.
4. Physics Seminar -- Martin McHugh announced the Physics seminar, March 17, 4:30 PM in Monroe 157, guest presenter Dr. John T. Whelan, Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics, Albert Einstein Institute, topic: "Searching for White Dwarf Binaries in the Mock LISA Data Challenge."
5. Dr. Robert Rowland -- Dean Scully said he wanted to prayerfully remember and gratefully recognize the many gifts of Dr. Robert Rowland who passed away on March 14, 2007.

V. REPORTS

Status of Suspended Programs – Dean Scully reported on the following programs:

Physics – The proposal was presented to SCAP for a vote at the upcoming meeting, no revisions were needed, and the Dean anticipates presentation to the Board at its next meeting.

Modern Foreign Languages and Literature – Work is progressing; presentation is hoped for the March 25, 2007 meeting.

Religious Studies Masters Program – Presentation is anticipated later in the spring. The Dean said he might suggest having extramural reviewers, as that proved beneficial to Physics in composing their proposal.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Reintroduced Motion to Reconvene the Teaching Evaluation Committee: (Lynn Koplitz)

Motion to Reconvene the Teaching Evaluation Committee to solicit comments from faculty and DSAC on the instrument and develop appropriate revisions, procedures for its administration and guidance in the use of its results. (Previously passed unanimously; recorded in minutes of February 17, 2005: VII. A.)

Motion to table until the next meeting was made by Lynn, seconded by Stephen Scariano, and passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Motion for the College of Humanities and Natural Sciences: (David Moore)

Whereas the Loyola University Faculty Handbook states that “the Dean of the College is appointed by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs after consultation with the faculty of the College . . .” (3.B.), the Faculty of the College of Humanities and Natural Sciences proposes the following procedure for the selection of an acting Dean of HuNS.

Procedure:

- 1. The Interim Dean of the College is to be selected from tenured members of the Faculty of the College and who will not stand for nomination for the position of Dean.*
- 2. Nominations will be solicited during the regular March 15th College assembly*
- 3. All nominations are to be sent to the Dean’s office by the close of business (5 pm) on March 19.*
- 4. The Dean will contact the nominees to verify their willingness to allow their names to go forward.*
- 5. By vote of the members of the college, three top candidates will be selected.*
- 6. The Dean will forward the names of these three candidates to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for his consideration.*

A copy of the motion was distributed to the assembly and read by Dean Scully. It was also distributed electronically in the agenda. David Moore presented background and rationale. He said the purpose is to gain input into the appointment of an important position, to present it to the College Assembly for faculty to reflect on choices, and to have everyone understand the process. He said the “cobbled together” procedure was delivered by the Dean to the Provost and was found acceptable. Dean Scully suggested that #4 (above) would best be handled by making sure the person would accept before placing the name in nomination. Discussion: Voting method was questioned by Barbara Ewell at to electronic vs. paper ballots. Dean Scully replied that anonymous, electronic voting could be worked out. Discussion led to proposed amendments and included: merits and drawbacks of the number of votes per faculty member (1 only, 1 to 3, or 3 each), strength of “bullet balloting,” ranking the three votes, establishing a threshold for a second round of votes, establishing a tie-breaking procedure, and delivering the tally to the Provost along with names of top three nominees.

Motion to amend to limit each faculty member to one vote was made by Mary McCay, and seconded. Tim Cahill moved to call the question, was seconded and passed by acclamation. Dean Scully restated the motion: “Have each faculty member vote for a single nominee.” The motion was put to voice vote; the motion was defeated.

Motion to amend to have each faculty member vote for up to three nominees was made by Lynn Koplitz, seconded by Evan Zuker. Maureen Shuh moved to call the question, was seconded and put to voice vote. The motion carried.

Motion to amend the main motion by adding to, “send the tally to the Provost with the names of the three candidates” was made by Lynn Koplitz, seconded by Stephen Scariano. Discussion included above-mentioned points. Motion to call the question was made by Janet Matthews, was seconded and put to voice vote. Majority vote was not clear. Vote was by show of hands. Dean Scully counted 38 in favor, 15 opposed, 8 abstentions. Motion carried.

Motion to suspend the rules and vote on the motion today was made by Maureen Shuh. The motion was seconded, question was called and voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Proposed amendment to the main motion to include College of HuNS and College of Social Sciences was made by Fr. Leo Nicoll and seconded. Discussion: Glenn Hymel asked that the amendment be explained. Fr. Nicoll responded that he knows a person in Social Sciences who would make a good interim dean. Move to call the question was made, seconded, put to voice vote and carried. The proposed amendment was put to a voice vote. The motion was defeated.

The floor returned to the main motion as presented (above) and amended:

5. *By vote of the members of the college, with each having votes for up to three candidates, the three top candidates will be selected.*
6. *The Dean will forward the tally and names of these three candidates to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for his consideration.*

Janet Matthews moved to call the question, seconded by Lynn Koplitz. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The main motion carried.

March 16 College Assembly Nominations: The Dean opened the floor to nominations. Maria Calzada nominated Tom Spence. Maureen Shuh nominated Maria. Elizabeth Hammer nominated David Moore. Kate Adams prefaced her nomination on behalf of the English Department by stating concern that a full professor with experience as chair serve as interim dean and nominated Mary McCay. The Department of Philosophy presented five names: Mark Fernandez, Mary McCay, David Moore, Robert Dewell and Bernard Cook. Three nominees immediately declined: Mark, Robert and Bernard. Bernard nominated Elizabeth Hammer; Elizabeth declined. Stephen Scariano nominated Glenn Hymel; Glenn declined.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The assembly was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Jesuit Corporation Reply -- Prior to faculty departures from the assembly room, Dean Scully asked for attention and announced that he had received a letter of reply from the Jesuit Corporation to the effect that the college should work through problems with the Board of Trustees.