College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee Minutes
March 9, 2015
APPROVED DRAFT

Present: Ed Hirt (chair), Jim Davis, Stuart Davis, Julia Fox, John Hanson, Eileen Julien, Dale McFadden, Julie Van Voorhis, Nick Williams

The meeting was called to order at 4:00. The minutes from March 2 were discussed and approved.

The chair of the CPC presented the status of the survey of Executive Dean Larry Singell that was carried out by the Provost's Office earlier in the semester. At the time of the current CPC meeting, the Provost had not reviewed the results of the survey. She plans to share the results with Dean Singell. The Provost intends to consult with the CPC about the summary report that will be distributed to the faculty.

Executive Dean Larry Singell joined the meeting at 4:35.

The Dean reported that a faculty committee has been formed to discuss the future of the American Studies Department.

The CPC and Dean Singell discussed the possibility of non-tenure track (NTT) faculty representation on the CPC. It was suggested by the CPC that a separate committee composed of NTT representatives to discuss issues that are relevant to this group of faculty might be useful; the chair of this committee might then serve on the CPC, be an ex-officio member of the CPC, or attend CPC meetings by invitation. The Dean pointed out that NTT issues are typically not College specific, but rather campus-wide. An alternative to a College committee might well be a campus NTT committee that would meet with the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs. Questions concerning NTT faculty include voting rights, a consistency in the use of titles (lecturer, professor of practice, clinical faculty, etc.), and systems for promotion and salary increases. The Dean suggested that the CPC generate some ideas for a campus-wide NTT committee.

The committee stated that the CPC constitution identifies it as the budgetary affairs committee for the College, and that some of the specific constitutional directives of our budgetary role are not being followed (http://college.indiana.edu/faculty/policy/constitution.shtml, section E; see also http://college.indiana.edu/faculty/policy/collegepolicies/contingency.shtml). The committee noted that past deans of the College have shared full fiscal year budgets with the CPC, as well as other budgetary items.

Dean Singell noted that the changes to the budget process, combined with the legislature's cycle, affects the schedule for the budget meetings. He indicated that 95% of the College's budget supports faculty salaries and graduate students. Public relations and communication are becoming increasingly more important for the College and need to be figured into the budget. The Dean further stated that he could provide reports on the authorization numbers for new hires, tenure situations and retention information. He envisioned that the CPC could also play a role in planning the big initiatives in the college (and the money associated with it). The time frame for this year's budget process will be similar
to that of last year, with the Deans and Associate Deans meeting late in the semester, and decisions made around late June.

The Dean left the meeting at 5:25. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Julie Van Voorhis, Recorder