

College of Arts & Sciences  
Budget & Steering Committee

June 20, 2012

Attendance:

Carl Thameling, Sean Chenoweth, John Carr, Brian Fassett, Janet Haedicke, Charles Holloway, Terry Jones, Derle Long, Sushma Krishnamurthy, Attapol Kuanliang, Pamela Saulsberry, Ruth Smith, Claire Vangelisti, C. Turner Wilson

Committee member made a motion to pass the previous meeting's minutes and it was seconded. A unanimous vote accepted the previous minutes.

Dr. Camille opened the meeting with projected budget cut numbers. The current budget cut is 1.04 million (8%) for the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS). Dr. Camille will report to Dr. Pani with a plan for CAS budget reductions. Budget cuts will include reduced supplies, reduced travel, suspension of the Dean's Research Fund, the elimination of course load reductions, position elimination (department heads in reorganization), termination of some non-tenured faculty.

The new administrative positions of the Schools in the CAS are: director, associate director, program coordinator(s) and graduate coordinator (if there is a graduate program).

A committee member was concerned that 1 course load reduction would not be enough incentive for the Graduate Coordinator position in the School of Humanities because there are approximately 68 graduate students.

A committee member pointed out that there is an uneven distribution of faculty in the CAS reorganization for example the School of Social Sciences has 13 Faculty while the School of Humanities has 52 Faculty.

There are concerns that an identity crisis will be created by renaming the traditional departments as "programs". For example instead of the Department of Biology it would be renamed the Program of Biology. This might confuse prospective students browsing the internet.

Dr. Camille noted that the budget codes will have to change in accordance with the Re-org.

There was a motion to accept the "spirit" of the Dean's reorganization plan. The vote was unanimous.

There was a motion to approve the actions of program prioritization. The vote was unanimous with one abstention.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Chenoweth

July 11, 2012