

Tentative Agenda
Arts & Sciences Senate
March 24, 2003

- I. Approval of Tentative Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2003
- III. Report of the Arts & Sciences Senate President (J. Kuchner)
- IV. Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals (E. Mendieta)
- V. Academic Judiciary Committee (J. Shea)
- VI. Presentation of Revisions to A&S Senate Constitution and By-Laws (attached)
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business

Tentative Minutes
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The Arts and Sciences Senate met on February 24, 2003 at 3:30 PM in SAC 302. The meeting was called to order at 3:41pm

- I. Approval of tentative agenda – Yes**
- II. Approval of minutes from November 18th meeting – Minutes Approved as corrected.**
- III. Report of Arts & Sciences Senate President (J. Kuchner)**
 - Looking at a change in the balloting procedure, working to move to electronic format for online elections.
 - Important resolutions to be presented at University Senate meeting
 - CAPRA has had reports from the Provost from the UG Colleges – UG colleges seem to be moving forward despite budget cuts.
 - Provost committee on non-tenured track faculty – active committee – surveys has been distributed to full time/part time faculty via Department Chairs.

IV. Report from Dean of College of Arts & Sciences (J. Staros)

Strategies for the budget – Dean Staros distributed an overview of the budget to senators for their review.

J. Staros was given a budget target of \$51,501, 682.00. Proposed a budget of \$53,671,097 is a reasonable bare bones budget, which is based on normal turnovers and renewals. Using this budget, no one is fired so that classes can continue.

All multiyear contract non-tenure track faculty are affected by freeze, but so far only 1 A & S faculty member has received a letter which informs them that their position is being terminated. All people in this class will be treated equally and will receive such letter when their contract date approaches (For most this follows the academic calendar, not fiscal). The Dean's office is going to try to treat this situation without retrenchment of departments. It is hoped that 1 year renewals can be offered if not 3 year.

There are approximately 430 faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences, it is estimated that the College will lose 12-15 faculty this year.

All departments have received their TA assignments and SIB (Supplemental Instruction Budget which includes funding for adjuncts) for Fall 2003. Decisions were made by taking into consideration the ability of Undergraduate students to graduate in a timely manner. Departments have been asked to look at deployment of faculty to make sure that classes students need to graduate are covered. If a department has not received information from the Dean's office, they need to contact Libby Tolson in the Dean's office, 2-6976.

There is a 5-year plan for the Arts & Science to take effect 2004/2005 year.

J. Staros was asked if faculty will be asked to take on more classes. J. Staros replied that they have not but faculty may see larger enrollment in classes.

The freshmen class has been reduced by 400 for this upcoming year as the authorized enrollment has decreased.

V. Report from CASA (E. Mendieta) – Not present – postponed for future meeting

VI. Presentation of Revisions to A & S Senate Constitution and By-Laws – J. Kuchner

J. Kuchner informed senators that the current constitution and bylaws requires that the A & S senators review the Constitution and Bylaws every 3 years. Section F2 of current constitution.

This past year there has been active contribution from committees to review own guidelines and bylaws as well as an open request to A&S senate has a whole to provide feedback to the executive committee.

Executive committee has been meeting regularly to review the constitution and bylaws.

The proposal was distributed prior to this meeting. Individual requests for changes were referred for discussion at this public meeting.

A majority of voting A & S Senators will be accepted in order to make changes in the proposal. However, in order for the new amended Constitution and By-laws to be accepted there needs to be a 2/3 of the vote of present senators. Final vote will take place at April meeting.

VII. No Old Business

VIII. No New Business

Motion to adjourn @ 5:03pm

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Voss, Secretary
A & S Senate

