

**THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
McKenna Hall Auditorium**

ATTENDANCE

Deans: *Dean:* John McGreevy; *Associate Deans:* JoAnn DellaNeve, Margaret Meserve, Mark Schurr;
Assistant Deans: Collin Meissner, Ava Preacher, Nick Russo, Joseph Stanfiel, Vicki Toumayan

Chairpersons and Directors: Thomas Anderson, Matthew Ashley, Jim Collins, Richard Cross, Bill Evans, Steve Fallon, Richard Gray, Patrick Griffin, Peter McQuillan, Rory McVeigh, Robert Schmuhl, Peter Smith

Elected Faculty: Alessia Blad, William Carbonaro, Noreen Deane-Moran, Denise Della Rossa, Kathleen Eberhard, Sabrina Ferri, Curtis Franks, Robert Goulding, Daniel Graff, Christopher Hamlin, Encarnacion Juarez, Louis MacKenzie, Tara MacLeod, Laura Miller, Marisel Moreno, Tzvi Novick, Brian O'Conchubhair, Abby Palko, Sebastiano Rosato, Jason Ruiz, Thomas Stapleford, Carmen Tellez, Julianne Turner, Hannelore Weber, Shauna Williams, Michelle Wirth

Graduate Student Representative: Kristin Drahos

Undergraduate Students Representatives: Erin Portman, Emma Venter

Regularly Invited Guests, Observers, and Resource People: Marie Blakey (Provost's Office), John Duffy (University Writing Program), Geraldine Meehan (Global Gateways at NDI), Kathleen Opel (Office of International Studies), Matt Zyniewicz (Office of the Dean)

Excused: Cindy Bergeman, Martin Bloomer, Meredith Chesson, Michael Desch, Peter Holland, David Gasperetti, Brian Krostenko, Vittorio Montemaggi, Alison Rice

Guest: Susan Blum (Department of Anthropology, representing Department Chairperson Agustín Fuentes)

Dean John McGreevy convened the meeting at 3:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 16, 2014 College Council meeting were approved.

COLLEGE BUSINESS

College Council—Sub-committees

J. McGreevy recalled that last spring 2014 a committee of elected faculty to the Council and representatives from the Dean's Office submitted a proposal to make College Council a more effective vehicle for College governance. The proposal suggested that the Council form four standing committees and an agenda committee. The proposal was passed during the February 7, 2014 College Council meeting. The five committees will now drive the work of the College Council. Hopefully the Council will become a much more effective way for faculty to voice their concerns or address substantive issues.

The five committees are:

- A. Agenda Committee (Chair: John McGreevy)
 - a. Jim Collins, FTT
 - b. Steve Fallon, PLS and English
 - c. Ava Preacher, Undergraduate Deans
 - d. Peter Smith, Music
 - e. Cindy Bergeman, Psychology
 - f. Alison Rice, Romance Languages
 - g. Bill Carbonaro, Sociology
 - h. Margaret Meserve [Acting] /Maura Ryan Associate Dean

- B. Faculty Affairs Committee (Chair: Margaret Meserve)
 - a. Sebastian Rosato, Political Science
 - b. Catherine Perry, Romance Languages
 - c. Tara Macleod, Irish Language and Literature
 - d. Hannelore Weber, German and Russian
 - e. Louis Mackenzie, Romance Languages
 - f. Darcia Narvaez, Psychology
 - g. Tom Stapleford, PLS/HPS
 - h. Tzvi Novick, Theology

- C. Graduate Studies Committee (Chair: Mark Schurr)
 - a. Kathleen Eberhard, Psychology
 - b. Sabrina Ferri, Romance Languages
 - c. Chris Hamlin, History/HPS
 - d. Michelle Wirth, Psychology
 - e. Laura Miller, Psychology and Peace Studies
 - f. Claire Jones, German and Russian (on leave 2014-15)
 - g. Curtis Franks, Philosophy
 - h. Kristen Drahos (graduate student, Theology)
 - i. David Rozek (graduate student, Psychology)

Undergraduate Studies Committee (Chair: JoAnn DellaNeva)

- j. Henry Weinfield, PLS
 - k. Shauna Williams, Romance Languages
 - l. Abby Palko, Gender Studies
 - m. Marisel Moreno, Romance Languages
 - n. Jason Ruiz, American Studies
 - o. Dan Graff, History
 - p. Catherine Bolten, Anthropology
 - q. Noreen Deane-Moran, English
 - r. Erin Portman (undergraduate student)
 - s. Emma Venter (undergraduate student)
- D. Research & Library Committee (Chair Tom Merluzzi)
- a. Meredith Chesson, Anthropology
 - b. Julianne Turner, Psychology
 - c. Carmen Tellez, Music
 - d. Encarnación Juárez, Romance Languages
 - e. Brian O’Conchubhair, Irish and CSLC
 - f. Robert Goulding, PLS/HPS
 - g. Vittorio Montemaggi, Romance Languages
 - h. Alessia Blad, Romance Languages
 - i. Cindy Bergeman, Psychology

The members of the committees are elected members of the Council. Ex Officio members (i.e., department chairs, assistant deans, etc.) and appointed members were not requested to serve formally on a committee. The Agenda Committee members were elected by their peers currently serving on the College Council. The Council wanted the elected members of the Council to be the key staff of the sub-committees. The sub-committees will of course include the expertise of some of the ex officio members and appointed members, and broader consultation among non-members of the College Council.

There are some topics that J. McGreevy would like to see addressed by at least one of the sub-committees and those include:

- The Faculty Affairs Committee should develop an unhurried, thoughtful and thorough response to the University-wide climate survey.
- The Undergraduate Studies Committee can think about how the College Council can participate in the upcoming curricular review of the general education requirements at Notre Dame.
- The Faculty Affairs Committee may also consider space issues with regard to emeriti faculty, which became a controversial issue last year.

The sub-committee chairs will have a list of potential topics to address.

Christopher Hamlin (Department of History) asked if there will be some topics that naturally gravitate toward particular committees rather than have the committees generate their own topics. J. McGreevy thought that there will be topics that will naturally fit particular committees and the committee chairs already have lists of topics.

J. McGreevy then excused the College Council members so that most of them could attend their respective sub-committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

J. McGreevy adjourned the plenary meeting at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Zyniewicz
Dean's Executive Administrator