Minutes of the CSBS Faculty Senate Meeting on 9/21/09

Present: Annette Lynch (DTGFS), Tim Strauss (Geography), Brian Roberts (History), Taifa Yu (Political Science), Otto MacLin (Psychology), Cindy Juby (Social Work), Cyndi Dunn (Soc-Anth-Crim), Phil Mauceri (Dean).

I. Approval of the minutes

Due to the absence of the secretary, there were no minutes from the emergency Sept. 14 meeting.

II. Election of senate chair

Tim Strauss was elected as chair of the CSBS Faculty Senate. Cyndi Dunn will serve as secretary.

III. Dean’s address to the college

Dean Mauceri will give his “State of the College” address on Monday, Oct. 5 at 3:15 in Seerley 115.

IV. Meeting time change

The senate meeting time was changed from 3:30 to 3:15.

V. Request from the CSBS Strategic Planning Committee

Al Hays, head of the college strategic planning committee, sent a request to former-Chair Cindy Juby asking that the strategic planning committee be able to use several of the Monday afternoon time slots normally devoted to senate meetings to schedule meetings on various aspects of the strategic plan. All faculty from across the college would be encouraged to attend these meetings to provide the committee with input regarding the goals and objectives of the strategic plan.

Senator Lynch also serves on the strategic planning committee and can act as a liaison between the two groups. Once the committee has drafted the strategic plan, it must be approved first by Dean Mauceri and then by the CSBS Faculty Senate. The strategic planning committee will not only draft the initial plan, but also serve as a permanent committee that will revisit the plan every year and assess progress towards our goals.

Chair Strauss will contact Al Hays and inform him that the senate is willing to allow some Monday afternoons to be used for strategic planning meetings to gather faculty input. He will also invite Professor Hays to meet with the senate.

VI. Interim Replacement for CSBS Representative to the University Faculty Senate

Julie Lowell is currently our college’s representative to the University Faculty Senate. Due to health reasons, she will be unable to carry out her duties for several weeks. The senate appointed
Joe Gorton to serve as Senator Lowell’s alternate until she is able to resume her service on the University Faculty Senate.

VII. CSBS Faculty Senate website

During the summer, Senator Dunn worked with Holly Bokelman in the dean’s office to create an on-line archive for minutes of the faculty senate. She will also work with Ms. Bokelman to create a senate homepage which lists all the senators, their contact information, and their terms in office.

The dean’s office is currently reworking the entire CSBS website to make it more informative and interactive. The new website is expected to be up sometime during the spring semester. The CSBS Senate website will be incorporated into the college site at that time. In the meantime, Senator Dunn will ask Ms. Bokelman to include the senate website under the “Faculty” link on the CSBS homepage.

VIII. Comments from the dean

Dean Mauceri looks forward to working with senate to receive feedback and input on college activities. One upcoming event that is planned is a college “Grants Day” on Oct. 14 that will include panels directed at people with varying levels of experience in grant writing. Jan Cornelius has been hired as a half-time specialist in grant administration in the Dean’s office. Her function will be to assist faculty in the necessary paperwork for administering existing grants. Her office is in Baker 368.

During the spring semester, the college plans to host an “Alumni Day” in April. There was some discussion of the importance of building connections with alumni, not only in terms of fund raising but because they can be important resources for other purposes such as job contacts for current students or providing professional expertise in improving our programs. Dean Mauceri is also considering creating an outside Advisory Board for the college which would include alumni and local community members. The purpose and scope of the board’s activities would need to be specified very carefully.

Renovations to Sabin have been somewhat delayed and the building is now expected to be completed by October 2010. This would allow faculty offices to move over the winter and the building should be available for classes starting in the spring semester 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Dunn