

College of Arts & Sciences

Faculty Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2000

1. Call to Order, 3:29 PM

The group observed a moment of silence for John Andrew (Andy) Hall 58, who taught mathematics at Lewis and Clark for 15 years and died March 11, 2000, at the age of 92. Born in Kansas City in 1907, Andy moved to Vancouver, WA, at the age of 7. His daughter Betty Hall McFarlane 55, and his son Drew Hall 55 encouraged him to pursue higher education. He graduated summa cum laude with a degree in mathematics, and stayed on teaching first-year math until his retirement in 1973.

2. Approval of February 2, 2000 Minutes

3. President's Report

Phi Beta Kappa will hold its ceremony at 5 PM today; alumni membership will be awarded to '49 alumna Alice Asmar.

Decisions on leadership positions are still in process.

Current average salary for Full Professors is \$67,204; College's contribution to the retirement package is now up to 10%.

Health care premiums are soaring; HMO plan is up 36%; prescription drug rate increase is 185%. Fringe Benefits Committee recommended dividing these increases equally between the College and employees, but the decision has been made for the College to absorb the full increases this year.

Faculty housing: one more significant property may be coming on the market soon, 3BR, west of College. Interested parties should inquire. There are now four faculty and two staff in the program, one more faculty member about to be added.

We're in a new period of constructive change. In June the Law School will begin doubling the size of its library, as per first phase of master plan. In second phase the classroom building will be replaced. Law School applications are up this year and quality of students is on the rise. New emphases are underway in small and emerging business law and in intellectual property law.

New opportunities are emerging for MAT programs, ours will increase emphasis on science teaching.

We are interested in acquiring the Franciscan Renewal Center property. So is the Riverdale school system and they have eminent domain rights. We have historic and community connections to this property as well as a use need.

The cemetery property is a possible future site for playing fields, possibly in cooperation with Portland Parks and Recreation and/or Portland schools.

We've moved to acquire a site at the corner of Boone's Ferry and Terwilliger; will tear down one building, keep four, rent these to 25-30 law students.

Regarding the core of the main campus: investigated taking down Zehntbauer swimming pavilion and moving pool to other side of Pamplin, but cost prohibitive, project on hold. Developing academic quadrangle, bicentennial project consists of a new Social Science building and a restored/expanded Albany Hall. The latter will be a faculty and academic center including a new, smaller building, Bicentennial Hall, where the greenhouse now is. Greenhouse would probably move behind Olin. Expect entire complex done by 2003.

This summer: Law School project begins in June. Street improvements required by city of Portland include curbs, sidewalks, bike lanes. A new water treatment system will be installed. North road will be improved, leading to new surface lot behind Pamplin. All cars will eventually be moved to perimeter of campus. Fir Acres lot will be closed during the coming summer. Some trees and bushes will come down, but trust us, this is the first stage of a landscaping project. Michael Sestric can respond to any questions.

4. Dean's Report

Motion to approve this year's degree candidates, approved.

Ben Canada, Portland Superintendent of Schools, will be our Commencement speaker.

Welcome to three new tenured faculty: Janet Davidson, Matt Levinger, Erik Nilsen.

Student awards:

Jules Kopel-Bailey, Truman Scholarship (our fifth in four years); Marie Spong, Simon Sponberg, Goldwater Scholarships (10 in recent years); Carl Schreck 98 IREX (International Research and Exchanges) Scholarship; Andy Holder, Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship.

Classroom Committee wants input on design of new classroom spaces, all faculty encouraged to attend meeting April 18, 3:30 PM, Bodine 300. Dell Smith will take suggestions.

Faculty technology showcase will be Friday, April 21, noon - 3 PM, Watzek Studio Room 115.

Parental leave: CAS cannot develop policy independently, but must coordinate with Graduate School and Law School. It's agreed that we do need an official policy. Grad

School says they will follow the lead of CAS, but Law School has concerns. Law faculty are very well compensated, and even a single course release is costly. Deans will continue to work on this issue during the summer.

Course evaluations: Concern has been expressed about student conversations when faculty are absent from the room. At suggestion of Academic Council the matter was referred to the Honor Board. Honor Board chair Andy Holder has provided a thoughtful reply. While its members are skeptical about cultural change, the Board's suggestions include providing briefings for all students at the beginning of their first year, working more closely with student evaluation proctors, using student media such as the Pioneer Log to address the issue, and a single set of instructions (rather than the current three, for faculty, students and proctor) to be read by the faculty member. Dean Atkinson will implement the last of these suggestions.

CAS elections: Ballots will be in tomorrow's mail, including a nomination opportunity for a Social Science representative to the Committee on Promotion and Tenure. Please take note.

Pamplin nominations due to Angie McGinnis, soon.

Discussion: Regarding Academic Calendar, Portland Schools have now set spring break a week later than we'd expected. Can we change ours? Notice of our planned schedule has already gone out via registration announcements and other channels. If we change, some students may not find out. Moving break later would also put it late in our semester. Straw vote taken on moving break a week later: 23 favor change, 20 opposed, some abstentions. Dell Smith will examine situation further. It was recognized that we can stay abreast of school spring break plans better by contacting Oregon office of higher ed rather than Portland schools, because schools follow the lead of the state higher ed system.

5. Reports of Standing Committees

AAAS / Deborah Lycan

Barb Balko for Awards subcommittee:

Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship, 58 applicants, 8 winners; Ginger Beck, Fauna Doyle, Kara Fox, Margaret Krauss, Rebecca Lothringer, Malia Parecki, Susan Rivera, Sadna Samaranayake. Pamplin Corporation Scholarship, 12 applicants, 2 winners; Andrew Zahler, Amanda Zielony. Freshman Cheney Foundation Scholarship, 25 applicants, 5 winners; Amy Collinge, Casey Fagre, Patricia Lee, Mollie Lemon, Adeline Rother. Junior Cheney Foundation Scholarship, 11 applicants, 5 winners; Kathleen Clarkson, Alysia Hayas, Allison Machlis, Nicole Reynolds, Londi Tomaro.

Advising loads are unevenly distributed among faculty. Committee suggests redistributing within departments with goal of 25 students/faculty maximum, 20 students/faculty preferred. Recommended we accomplish this by changing the number of pre-major advisees to redistribute total loads. This entails de-linking the new student advising system from the pre-major system. During orientation week, new student

orientation system would operate, then those students would be handed off to new advisors for the pre-major phase.

Discussion: Concerns expressed about AAAS approach and "template" solution, and public display of advisor load figures. Suggestion that we begin a larger discussion of advising goals. Focusing on numbers may actually decrease advising quality. Committee's proposal may increase advisors' skills by exposing inexperienced advisors to more students. Should this be a college-wide or a departmental issue?

6. Meeting adjourned, 5 PM. Need to stop due to Phi Beta Kappa reception. An additional meeting may be scheduled next week to deal with unfinished business.

Respectfully submitted,

William Kinsella, CAS Faculty Secretary