**Minutes of the Meeting of the**

**College of Arts and Sciences Assembly**

**September 22, 2015**

**Oakland Room, Oakland Center**

**Members present:** Andrews, Battles, Berven, D., Berven, K., Cayanus, Cheng, Chong, Comartin, Corso, Dulio, Eis, Escobar, Gooren, Grimm, Guest, Havstad, Martic, Miller, Naus, Orces, Pfeiffer, Reger, Rigstad, Roth, Schluter-Tardella, Smith, Spagnuolo, Wang, Wendell

**Member absent:** Law-Sullivan

**Ex-officio present:** Corcoran, Hitt, Stewart

Dean Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Appointment of Secretary, Dikka Berven, and Parliamentarian, Kevin Andrews

Dean Corcoran appointed Dikka Berven as Assembly secretary, and Kevin Andrews as Parliamentarian.

2. Approval of the minutes of March 24, 2015

The minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2015, were approved unanimously. (Eis, Cheng)

3. Approval of recommended members to the Elections Committee

**MOVED** to approve the following new members to the Elections Committee and to approve the Chair of the Elections Committee:

**New members:**

Kuniko Nielsen, Linguistics, 2015-2018

Lisa Welling, Psychology, 2015-2017 (*two-year replacement for You Li)*

**Continuing member:**

Gregory Giberson, Writing and Rhetoric, 2013-2016

**Chair**, Gregory Giberson, 2013-2016 (continuing member)

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Nominations and elections to the Executive Committee (three vacancies)

The following members were elected to the Executive Committee:

**New or replacement members:**

Mark Rigstad, Philosophy (At Large), 2015-2017

Anthony Guest, Theatre (Humanities), 2015-2016 (single year replacement for Derek Hastings)

Eddie Cheng, Mathematics (Mathematics/Science), 2015-2017

Jo Reger, Sociology and Women and Gender Studies (Social Sciences), 2015-2017

**Continuing member:**

Andrea Eis, Language/Literature, 2014-2016

5. Approval of recommended members and Chair for the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC)

***MOVED*** to approve the following new members of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) and to approve the Chair for Graduate Studies Committee (Martic, Corso)

**New members**:

L. Bailey McDaniel, English (Language/Literature), 2015-2017

J. Patrick Piskulich, Political Science (Social Sciences), 2015-2017

Xianggui (Harvey) Qu, Mathematics (Mathematics/Science), 2015-2017

**Continuing members:**

Kevin Laam, English (At Large), 2014-2016

George Milne, History (Humanities), 2014-2016

Jennifer Vonk, Psychology (At Large), 2014-2016

**CHAIR** Kevin Laam, English, 2014-2016

The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Approval of recommended members and Chair for the Committee on Instruction (COI)

**MOVED** to approve the following new or replacement members for the Committee on Instruction (COI) and to approve the Chair for Committee on Instruction(Miller, Berven, K.)

**New members:**

Graham Cassano, Sociology (Social Sciences), 2015-2017

Paul Graves, Philosophy (At Large), 2015-2017

Andrea Knutson, English (Language/Literature), 2015-2017

Elizabeth Shesko, History (At Large), Fall 2015 (one-semester replacement for Adina Schneeweis)

**Continuing members:**

Mary Craig, Biology (Mathematics/Sciences), 2014-2016

David Kidger, Music (Humanities), 2014-2016

Adina Schneeweis, Communication (At Large), 2014-2016

**CHAIR:** David Kidger, Music

Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Information Item: Members of the CAS Committee on Promotion for 2015-2016

Dean Corcoran informed Assembly members that the following faculty members will serve on the CAS Committee on Promotion for 2015-2016:

Sean Moran (Humanities), 2015-2018

Bradley Roth (Mathematics/Science), 2014-2017

Deborah VanderLinde, Music (At Large), 2014-2017

Maria Bryant, Chemistry (Mathematics/Science), 2014-2017

Niels Herold, English (Language/Literature), 2013-2016

Cynthia Sifonis, Psychology (Social Sciences), 2013-2016

8. Good and Welfare

* Dean Corcoran reminded Assembly members that on Tuesday, September 29, President Hynd will be presenting his update on the university, with breakfast available beforehand at 8 a.m.
* Mr. Corcoran said that President Hynd would be appearing soon before the Michigan Legislature about the tuition hike at OU. He also noted that there is now a differential tuition for the first time at OU, which will be by course prefix. This will mean that courses in the Schools of Business, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, and Nursing will cost more for students, whereas CAS (and School of Education and Human Services) classes will cost less. Mr. Berven asked if this means that the School of Business will get more funding. Mr. Corcoran replied that this is already the case.
* Mr. Corcoran noted that because there are now too many graduates for the ceremony in the O’rena, CAS will be having two graduation ceremonies which will allow more family members to attend. The two ceremonies will be evenly divided.
* He then reminded people about the CAS theme events and encouraged members to attend, if possible.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (Assembly secretary)