Minutes of the August 22, 2013 CHBS College Meeting

The fall 2013 meeting of the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences was called to order by Dr. Kate Hawkins at 9:05 a.m. Dean Hawkins welcomed the faculty and staff and recognized everyone for their accomplishments and proposed we look to our future goals.

Dr. Hawkins introduced CHBS Advising Center Coordinator, Deborah Kitts. Deborah is excited about better advising for our college with the potential of an additional advisor. Quest handled 2569 incoming freshman, 20% of these are CHBS students. There is a new grading policy: plus-minus can be added to grades. It is up to each faculty member to decide to use or not to use, although departments may adopt policies that apply to all faculty in that department. The college will not have a college-wide policy re/plus-minus grading.

The previous year’s minutes were approved.

The executive board members were elected. Officers are: Dr. Kate Hawkins, Chair; Dr. Tod Burke, Vice-Chair; Pam Shanley (temporary), Secretary and Dr. Steve Owen, Parliamentarian.

Dr. Burke explained the faculty governance committee nomination process and advised he will re-send the list for the positions needed. The due date is Friday, August 30 at noon. Full-time faculty members are eligible.

Dr. Burke announced a new program for the college, the CHBS Student Ambassador Program. He is asking department chairs and directors to choose a student to represent our college at events, assist with guests, attend Radford University events and open houses, and assist with ceremonies. The student should be a junior, with a minimum 3.2 GPA. Please forward the information to Dr. Burke.

New CHBS full-time faculty members were introduced by department chairs:

**English Department**

Ms. Shalin Krieger, full time temporary instructor

Dr. Laura Vernon, tenure-track assistant professor

**Political Science Department**

Mr. Michael Delor, full-time temporary instructor

**Psychology Department**

Dr. Dana Hayes, tenure-track assistant professor

**School of Communication**
Dr. Colin Baker, tenure-track assistant professor
Dr. Twange Kasoma, tenure-track assistant professor

Sociology Department

Dr. Lawrence Eppard, special purpose assistant professor
Dr. Joanna Hunter, tenure-track assistant professor

University Level Awards

Ms. Erin Berman: Anna Lee Stewart Faculty Professional Development Award
Dr. Tom Pierce: Donald Dedmon Distinguished Teaching Faculty Award
Dr. Moira Baker: Fulbright Scholar Grant to lecture in Croatia

CHBS College Awards

Dr. Joe Jones introduced the Distinguished Scholarship Award winner: Dr. Guy Axtell (Philosophy and Religious Studies Department)
Dr. Margaret Hrezo introduced the Distinguished Teaching Award winner: Dr. Mary Atwell (Criminal Justice Department)

Retiring Faculty

Dr. Mary Atwell: Criminal Justice Department
Dr. Carole Seyfrit: Sociology Department

Tenure and Promotion

I-Ping Fu, Blas Hernandez: Foreign Languages and Literatures Department
Guy Axtell: Philosophy and Religious Studies Department
Valerie Leake, Tracy Cohn: Psychology Department
Elizabeth Lyman: Sociology Department

Promotion to Full Professor

Mary Ferrari: History Department
Laurie Cubbison, Robert Williams, Erin Webster-Garrett: English Department
Jeanne Meckolichick: Sociology Department
**Dean’s Goals**

1. Working with the RU Alumni Association and the Office of the RU Vice President for Advancement, continue the process of expanding the CHBS Alumni Advisory Board.

2. In consultation with the CHBS Leadership Team, continue to identify opportunities to enhance our contributions to the research mission of the university, as appropriate.

3. In consultation with CHBS Leadership Team, continue to identify opportunities to invest in initiatives leading to external grant-funded research and scholarship, as appropriate.

4. Assist in articulating a strategic plan for growth in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

5. Work with architects to continue planning for the proposed new CHBS academic building.

6. Working with CHBS faculty, develop a strategic advancement plan, or “case for need” for the college to assist us with our fund-raising efforts.

7. Audemus: Develop a proposal for a state-of-the-art CHBS Communication Across the Curriculum Initiative.

8. Engage in professionally related travel outside the contiguous 48 states.

**Proposed New CHBS Academic Building**

Dr. Hawkins introduced Ron Davenport from Moseley Architects. Mr. Davenport presented a slide show highlighting the special features of the new building: innovative classrooms, natural lighting, unique landscaping and outdoor environments.

Adjournment was at 10:55 am.