

GRINNELL COLLEGE
Meeting of the Faculty
August 26, 2009

President Osgood called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in ARH 302.

Approval of Minutes – Russell K. Osgood, President of the College

Minutes from the meeting on May 4, 2009, were approved as submitted.

Introduction of New Faculty Members – Paula Smith, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

Dean Smith introduced 16 new tenure-track faculty members and seven new one- and two-year term faculty members. [The complete list is attached to the on-line version of these minutes.]

News from the Center of International Studies (CIS) – David Harrison, Director

Harrison described upcoming activities sponsored by the Center and encouraged faculty to be involved with CIS and undertake international educational opportunities. He also introduced Ling Wang, visiting instructor in Chinese, Nanjing University; Yamada Ui, visiting instructor in Japanese, Waseda University; and Hugh Bowden, Visiting Heath Professor in Classics, King's College London.

News from the Center for the Humanities – Dan Reynolds, Director

Reynolds described upcoming events sponsored by the Center. The theme for 2009-10 is "Place and Memory." This is Reynolds' third and final year serving as the director. A search will be conducted for his replacement and an informational meeting is scheduled on September 4 at noon in ARH 302.

On behalf of the Presidential Search Committee, Reynolds reported that the executive search firm, Isaacson, Miller has been hired to develop a pool of candidates for the search to replace President Osgood. The search committee is developing a prospectus entitled "Grinnell Perspectives" that will describe characteristics of the College and outline desired attributes in the successful candidate. This document can be found on the new Grinnell Presidential Search website which is scheduled to launch on September 24.

News from the Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations, and Human Rights – Sarah Purcell, Director

This year is the 30th Anniversary of the Rosenfield Program. On October 1, a day of events is planned to celebrate the program including a reception to honor Wayne Moyer for his 23 years of service as director. A calendar of program events is available on the Rosenfield website.

News from the Center for Prairie Studies – Catherine Rod, Interim Director

Catherine Rod is serving as interim director while Jon Andelson is on leave. Rod described many upcoming events sponsored by the Center including many honoring 150 years of Grinnell College's presence in the City of Grinnell.

Introduction to Tech Tuesdays and Curricular Technology – Mike Conner and Joseph Kerkman, Curricular Technology Specialists

Conner described the roles of the curricular technology specialists. Faculty members were encouraged to contact the CTSs with projects, questions, and special technological needs.

Kerkman described Tech Tuesdays, a series of short, introductory sessions generally scheduled on Tuesdays at noon for faculty and covering a wide range of technological tools. Sessions will be tailored for the disciplines housed in proximity to the particular venue. Dates and locations can be found on the Curricular Technologies website. Input regarding topics and content is welcomed.

Remarks – Russell Osgood

Despite an upturn in the value of the endowment, a significant budget gap is still being projected for FY 2011. There was significant under-spending in FY 2009 and Osgood thanked everyone for being

so conscientious.

The Nollen House renovation is complete. Osgood reported that Athletics Phase II is progressing and a large bequest to the College has been designated for it.

Finally, the College received an external grant to fund continued research and planning for improving space needs for the Social Science Division, the Humanities Division, and Burling Library.

Remarks – Paula Smith

Smith reminded faculty that they are responsible for consulting and knowing the content of the Faculty Handbook. An up-to-date version of the handbook is available on the internet at <http://web.grinnell.edu/dean/Handbook/FacultyHandbook.pdf>.

Smith recognized Executive Council: Mark Schneider (Chair of the Faculty), Anatoly Vishevsky (Humanities Division), Clark Lindgren (Science Division), Vicki Bentley-Condit (Social Studies Division), Barb Trish (Member At-Large), and Steve Andrews (Member At-Large). Beginning this year, Executive Council meeting agendas will be posted for the campus prior to meetings.

The Second Year Retreat is scheduled September 11-13 at Marriott Hotel in Des Moines. 184 students are registered to attend.

Planning continues for a coordinated campus response to the spread of the influenza A (H1N1) virus. Smith asked that faculty consider the need to accommodate a larger than usual number of students missing classes and submitting late work.

Osgood recognized Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Associate Dean. Skerrett thanked those who participated in new student orientation and invited additional volunteers to attend the upcoming Second Year Retreat.

As an outcome of the 2008 reaccreditation process by the Higher Learning Commission, Skerrett is leading the development of a formalized assessment program for use at departmental and program levels. Contact Skerrett if you are interested in design and implementation of this Comprehensive Assessment Strategy.

The Liberal Arts in Prison Program seeks faculty to participate in the weekly lecture series in Newton and Mitchellville. Mentors for students teaching in the prisons are also needed.

Remarks – Mark Schneider, Chair of the Faculty

Family Weekend is October 2-4. Parents will be visiting classes on Friday. Schneider encouraged faculty to attend the coffee hour and poster sessions scheduled on Saturday.

Faculty Discussions will be scheduled variously at noon and 4:15 this semester. Schneider encouraged faculty to contact him with ideas about format and topics.

The Chair of the Faculty annual report is posted on the Dean's website.

Announcements and New Business

Sam Rebelsky announced the Friends of Stewart Library annual book sale is on August 28-29.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Winburn

Secretary to the Faculty



New Faculty 2009-10

Blanchard, Jeffrey D.	Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics; B.A., Benedictine College; A.M., Ph.D. (2007), Washington University in St. Louis. Tenure-Track.
Bywater, Krista	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in Sociology; B.A., Barry University; M.A., Ph.D. (2009), University of California-Santa Barbara. 2-Year Term.
Cha, Jee-Weon	Assistant Professor of Music; B.M., Seoul National University; M.A., University of Washington; Ph.D. (2004), University of Pennsylvania. Tenure-Track.
Chan, (Man-Ching) Stella	Assistant Professor of Economics; B.A., University of California-Berkeley; M.A., Ph.D. (2008), University of California-Los Angeles. Tenure-Track.
Cohn, Edward D.	Assistant Professor of History; B.A., Swarthmore College; M.A., Ph.D. (2007), University of Chicago. Moved from Term to Tenure-Track Position.
DeNapoli, Antoinette E.	Assistant Professor of Religious Studies; B.A., University of South Florida; M.A., Florida State University; Ph.D. (2009), Emory University. 1-Year Term.
Emmons, Joshua	Assistant Professor of English; B.A., Oberlin College; M.F.A. (2002), University of Iowa. 2-Year Term.
Hamlin, Rebecca	Assistant Professor of Political Science; B.A., University of Chicago; M.A., Ph.D. (2009), University of California-Berkeley. Tenure-Track.
Handal, Mirzam C.	Assistant Professor of Spanish; B.A., Augustana College; M.A., Ph.D. (2009), Tulane University. Tenure-Track.
Hecht, Lauren N.	Assistant Professor of Psychology; B.A., Albion College; Ph.D. (2009), University of Iowa. 1-Year Term.
Jonkman, Jeffrey N.	Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics; B.A., Calvin College; M.Ap.St., Louisiana State University; Ph.D. (1998), North Carolina State University. Tenure-Track.
Maynard, Kelly J.	Assistant Professor of History; B.M., University of Rochester; M.A., Ph.D. (2007), University of California-Los Angeles. Tenure-Track.
Michaels, Deborah L.	Instructor in Education; B.S., Cornell University; M.A. (2001), Ph.D. (in progress), University of Michigan. Tenure-Track.
Mileti, Joseph R.	Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics; B.S., Carnegie Mellon University; Ph.D. (2004), University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign. Tenure-Track.
Nasser, Michelle R.	Assistant Professor of Spanish; B.A., Rice University; M.A., Ph.D. (2008), Tulane University. Tenure-Track.
Neisser, Joseph U.	Assistant Professor of Philosophy (EKI: Neurophilosophy); B.A., Macalester College; Ph.D. (1997), Duke University. Tenure-Track.
Ralston, Christopher A.	Assistant Professor of Psychology; B.A., Jamestown College; M.S., Ph.D. (2008), Iowa State University. Tenure-Track.
Roberson, Amy N.	Assistant Professor, Library; B.A., M.S. (2009), University of North Carolina. 1-Year Term.
Shaw, Rashida Z.	CFD Fellow and Lecturer in Theatre; B.A., Wesleyan University; Ph.D. (in progress), Northwestern University. 1-Year Term.
Shore, Daniel	Assistant Professor of English; A.B., Amherst College; A.M., Ph.D. (2008), Harvard University. Tenure-Track.
Tracy, Andrea L.	Assistant Professor of Psychology (Neuroscience); B.A., Grinnell College; M.S., Ph.D. (2005), Purdue University. Tenure-Track.
Upright, Craig B.	Instructor in Sociology; B.A., St. Olaf College; M.A. (2000), Ph.D. (in progress), Princeton University. 1-Year Term.
Werner, Timothy	Assistant Professor of Political Science (EKI: Policy Studies); B.A., Rice University; M.A., Ph.D. (2009), University of Wisconsin-Madison. Tenure-Track.