

Arts and Sciences General Faculty Meeting, Nov. 29, 2011

Dr. Alicia Mason, Chair of the Academic Policies Committee, called the meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences General Faculty to order at 3:25PM.

The first agenda item was review of the minutes of the AY 2010-2011 faculty meeting. Minutes had been distributed via bulk-e to all Arts and Sciences faculty. There was a motion and second to accept the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

The second agenda item was presentation of the Excellence in Teaching Awards. Dr. Mason introduced Dr. Brad Hodson, Vice President of Development, and Dr. Karl Kunkel, Dean of Arts and Sciences, to present the awards. Dr. Hodson explained the intent of the awards, which is to recognize faculty who are outstanding teachers. AY2010-11 recipients were Mr. James Oliver, Dept. of Art, and Dr. James McAfee, Dept. of Chemistry. Dr. Kunkel called each recipient to the front individually, gave brief remarks about his accomplishments in the classroom, and presented him with a plaque.

The third agenda item was the dean's address to the College. He recognized and congratulated faculty who had been recognized for achievement, had been promoted, or had completed doctorates last year as well as faculty awarded sabbatical leaves for this year. He presented a power point addressing the following issues: 1) taking budget constraints and strategic planning seriously and 2) reconsidering the tenure and promotion review process. The power point presentation is available on the Arts and Sciences webpage under Faculty Information.

Dr. Kunkel opened the floor for questions.

He then invited the audience to attend the Faculty Recognition Reception in the Grubbs Hall lobby honoring those faculty who were promoted or awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award, or completed doctorates last year.

Dr. Mason adjourned the meeting at 4:50PM.