

Arts and Sciences General Faculty Meeting
April 9, 2015

Ms. Stella Hastings, Chair of the Academic Policies Committee, called the annual Arts and Sciences General Faculty Meeting to order at 3:30PM.

First order of business was approval of last year's minutes, which were posted on the College webpage for review. Motion and second (Kuehn, Viney) to accept the minutes and motion passed.

Ms. Hastings introduced Ms. Kathleen Flannery, Director of Development, and Dr. Karl Kunkel, Dean of Arts and Sciences, for presentation of the Excellence in Teaching Award academic year 2013-14. Ms. Flannery explained the history and intent of the awards. The Foundation provides two \$500 dollar awards to recognize two faculty members who epitomize teaching excellence. Dr. Kunkel introduced last year's awardees, Dr. Irene Zegar from the Dept. of Chemistry and Dr. Alicia Mason Collins from the Dept. of Communication, spoke briefly of their teaching accomplishments, and presented each with a plaque.

Dr. Kunkel then recognized the following faculty for accomplishments and awards: Dr. Phillip Harries, 2015 Outstanding Faculty Award; Dr. Darren Botello-Samson and Dr. Cynthia Huffman, 2014 Outstanding Faculty Award; Dr. Kris Lawson, Outstanding Undergraduate Mentor; Mr. Jamie Oliver, Dr. Phillip Harries, Dr. Mandy Peak, Dr. Grant Moss, promotion to Associate Professor; Ms. Stella Hastings, promotion to Professor; Dr. Todd Hastings, promotion to University Professor; Dr. Jennifer Harris, Dr. Kris Lawson, Dr. Jamie McDaniel, Dr. Grant Moss, achievement of tenure; and Dr. Todd Hastings, Dr. Cynthia Huffman, Dr. Ananda Jayawardhana, Dr. Virginia Rider, Dr. Khamis Siam, awarded Sabbatical Leaves for AY15-16.

Dr. Kunkel introduced the College's new tenure earning faculty and chairs. New faculty include Dr. Lauren Balasco, HPSS; Dr. James Clanton, Music; Dr. Sandra Cox, EML; Ms. Emmalyn Gennis, Art; Ms. Josie Mai, Art; Dr. Kyle Thompson, HPSS, and Dr. Scott Thuong, Math. New chairs include Dr. Barbara Bonnekessen, HPSS; LTC Kenneth Hutchison, Military Science; and Dr. Susan Marchant, Music.

Dr. Kunkel also recognized Dr. David Gordon, Biology, for his fourteen years of service to the department and college. Dr. Gordon will be retiring at the end of spring 2015.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to a presentation of the state of the college, major developments of the past year, and budget. A slide show of Dr. Kunkel's presentation can be viewed on the College of Arts and Sciences webpage. A period of questions from the floor followed.

Dr. Kunkel expressed his thanks and appreciation to the faculty for all the work they do and reminded them to feel free to contact him if they have questions or concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45PM.