

Dedman College Faculty Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2013

Dean Tsutsui welcomed the faculty and opened the meeting.

Presentation of Staff Service Awards: Staff Service Awards were presented to David Doyle for 10 years of university service; Ray Rafidi for 5 years of university service and John Wheeler for 15 years of university service.

Election of Secretary: Professor Steve Sverdlik was elected secretary by acclamation.

Approval of Amended Meeting Agenda: The amended meeting agenda was approved.

In Memoriam: Deceased professor emeritus of economics J. Carter Murphy was remembered by Dr. Nathan Balke.

Introduction of new faculty members: The following were introduced by their colleagues with details of their educational experiences, achievements, and scholarly research:

Eric Bing, Professor of Global Health, Anthropology	Caroline Brettell
Peng Tao, Assistant Professor in Chemistry	Ed Biehl
Jin Liu, Research Assistant Professor in Chemistry	Ed Biehl
Beatrice Magnani, Associate Professor in Earth Sciences	Robert Gregory
Atsushi Inoue, Robert H. and Nancy Dedman Endowed Chair, Economics	Nathan Balke
Ada Maria Kuskowski, Assistant Professor and the Jeremy duQuesnay Adams Centennial Professor in Western European Medieval History	Kathleen Wellman
Joshua Rovner, Associate Professor and John G. Tower Distinguished Chair in National Security, Political Science	Dennis Ippolito
Aki Kamata, Professor of Quantitative Methods, Psychology	Ernie Jouriles
Barry Lee, Associate Professor, Mathematics	Doug Reinelt
Wehua Geng, Assistant Professor, Mathematics	Doug Reinelt
Alan Elliot, Senior Lecturer and Director of the Statistical Consulting Center, Statistical Science	Wayne Woodward
Maxime Foerster, Assistant Professor in French, World Languages	Marlies Gaettens
Janet Dodd, Professor of Practice, World Languages	Marlies Gaettens
Thierry Tirado, Professor of Practice, World Languages	Marlies Gaettens
Maria del Pilar Melgarejo Acosta, Professor of Practice, World Languages	Marlies Gaettens
Lourdes Molina, Professor of Practice, World Languages	Marlies Gaettens
Xiao Hu, Visiting Lecturer, Chinese, World Languages	Marlies Gaettens
Rajwant Kaur, Professor of Practice, Hindi, World Languages	Marlies Gaettens

Recognition of newly tenured and promoted faculty members: The College congratulates the following faculty members who were promoted to tenure as Associate Professor and/or full professor this past academic year:

John Wise, Associate Professor – Biology
Sabri Ates, Associate Professor – History
Luke Robinson, Associate Professor –Philosophy
Pavel Nadolsky, Associate Professor – Physics
Pamela Corley, Associate Professor – Political Science

David Son, Professor – Chemistry
Werner Horsthemke, Professor – Chemistry
Bonnie Jacobs, Professor – Earth Sciences
Alexis McCrossen, Professor – History
Vladmir Ajaev, Professor - Math
Renee McDonald, Professor – Psychology
Robert Howell, Professor – Philosophy
Serge Frolov, Professor – Religious Studies
Denise DuPont, Professor – World Languages

The Advisory Committees members were thanked for their work on these tenure and promotion cases.

Travel Policy Update: Due to the new policy on pre-approval for travel, any Travel Reports for Dedman College not submitted for pre-approval must be approved by Dean Tsutsui, with an attached explanation.

Update on Grants and Research Support: Solicitation for Dean’s Research Council grants will be sent to all faculty members later this semester and all are encouraged to apply. Additionally, there are funds available for external reviews of grants prior to submission from the Associate Dean for Research in Dedman College and course relief for faculty writing for starting up large grants. New faculty members will be invited to lunch with Dr. McDonald in the near term to discuss research opportunities and resources available in the College. Dedman College continues to do well in sponsored research funds, bringing in over half of the sponsored research funds that SMU receives.

University Curriculum Update: Dr. Vicki Hill will be assuming the general day to day duties of the University Curriculum office in Dennis Cordell’s absence. Dr. Hill thanked the members of the faculty who have contributed to this curriculum and served on the various committees. Dedman College still remains firmly entrenched in the UC by the following percentages: Discernment and Discourse (First Year Writing) remains 100% in Dedman College; Second Language remains 100% in Dedman College; Wellness remains 95% in Simmons with 5% in Meadows (Pilates Course). With respect to the pillars: Cox - ½ of 1%; Lyle – 9%; Simmons – 1%; Meadows – 24% and 65% in Dedman College. There are 26 double-counted courses being offered this semester – 17 from Dedman and 9 from Meadows. The goals for this year are to make some adjustments in pillars, changing some level one pillars to level two, work on the

capstone requirement, improving assessments for SACS and the University and continued work on the Ways of Knowing courses.

State of the College Address, Q&A: Dean Tsutsui thanked all faculty for their hard work and patience last spring in dealing with the many challenges the College had, including the opening of the Bush Library. The Dean particularly thanked Randy Phillips and Melissa Humason and other members of the Dean's staff for their help in this regard. The College has had another good year in recruiting faculty as well as students, and in particular the Dedman College Scholars. Incoming scholars' SAT scores this year are at an average of 1451, putting Dedman College above all the other schools at SMU. The Dean thanked Kim Konkell, Courtney Corwin, David Doyle and Sally Spaniolo for their help in recruiting and bringing these students to campus. Academic year 2013-2014 will be the "year of the campaign," as the University will try to reach a new goal of \$1 billion before fall 2015. Dedman College will not initiate any new priorities, but rather continue to work on the Interdisciplinary Institute; launching the fall 2014 Tower Scholars Program that will provide undergraduate students with hands on experience in policy making; support for existing departments and centers; endowed professorships; and scholarship monies for students. There were very successful faculty searches last year, filling several endowed chairs. Searches continue this fall to fill the chair of Biological Sciences and the Altshuler Interdisciplinary Centennial Professor in Cities, Regions and Globalization, housed in the Economics Department. A joint PhD program with UT Southwestern in Biostatistics will begin in Fall 2014, and the College will be searching this Fall for a Professor and Director of the program as a joint appointment. Dean Tsutsui thanked Wayne Woodward for all of his help in this endeavor. The Philosophy Department will be searching for a female candidate at the rank of associate professor in the area of feminist philosophy. Over the summer, the College has continued to monitor the on-line courses initiative and much of the Council of Deans retreat focused on this issue. SMU has become an affiliate member of Semester On-Line, offering substantive semester-long courses from universities that are similar to SMU. Courses were made available to students this summer focusing on history, business, religious studies and political science; however, there are only a small number of SMU students taking these courses at present, and procedures will be put in place to award credit that will respect the faculty's ownership of the curriculum. The University is also considering the Colonial Group's distance learning courses, a group of universities similar to SMU to share course in World Languages, etc. It was noted that the University is moving thoughtfully and slowly towards these programs. The College continues to monitor doctoral programs and to remind the upper administration that it is not a faculty, student or curriculum issue, but rather the resource allocation given to the College. We hope that the upper administration will make new investments in these programs. A college committee has been formed to address marketing and recruiting graduate students, headed by Renee McDonald and Jennifer Dickerson, along with departmental and university representatives. Budgets continue to be tight and some changes are taking place on day-to-day business, particularly in human resources. Renovations in Dallas Hall and in Dedman College classrooms are taking place. Social media campaigns, a new Dedman College magazine and updating all departmental websites to reflect the visual identity of the College will be launched this year. Dean Tsutsui thanked all the departments who moved offices this past summer, in particular, Psychology, Sociology and Discernment and

Discourse faculty; however, space continues to be an issue for the College. Renovation of the basement of Hyer Hall into usable space is being looked at. Based on the task force for area and international studies' report, a Global and Regional Studies Initiative was created and Steven Lindquist will be heading up this endeavor. It is hoped that this initiative will foster new collaborations in international topics around campus and partner closely with the Interdisciplinary Institute. Several questions were raised about the on-line course initiative as to types of students, assessment, courses offered, cost, etc. Discussion ensued about these topics.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.