

Department of Classics
Faculty Meeting Minutes
24 September 2012

Approved by Faculty (date): 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

agenda

Present: Jim Anderson, Christy Albright, Damaris Corrigan, Keith Dix, Marilyn Evans, Erika Hermanowicz, Jared Klein, John Nicholson, Naomi Norman, Chuck Platter, Gail Polk, Ben Wolkow

Absent: Robert Harris, Elena Bianchelli

Excused: Mario Erasmo, Sallie Spence

Welcome

N. Norman, Head of the Department of Classics, opened the meeting and greeted everyone. The meeting followed the attached agenda.

Action Items

- none

Departmental Announcements & Information from the Dean

- Budget cut, online learning, recruitment information etc. from Dean - For the time being the College is holding off on opening new lines to find out about more about the impending budget cuts. The Dean presented a draft for a call to for faculty to submit online course proposals. The call will go out officially after several department head's questions are answered. N. Norman will speak directly to people she thinks may have courses that would translate well to an online format to see if faculty are interested. Having an online course is completely optional.
- Departmental travel grants for graduate students - The graduate school travel grant program was very successful last year. We have tripled the funds for 2012-13. Make sure any interested graduate students know this is available. The grants currently are set at \$500 per award. The application is on the website.
- Software inventory - It's time to inventory departmental software. We need to know all UGA- or department-purchased programs installed on your university-owned equipment. Please send a list of these programs or give J. Pulliam access to your computers to compile the list for you. Send your lists to N. Norman by 10/15.
- Other appointments - C. Albright has taken over N. Ryneerson's final year as Classics' Franklin senator and B. Wolkow is now the Eta Sigma Phi advisor.
- Departmental anniversaries - Congratulations to the following faculty staff for their departmental anniversaries: J. Klein -40 years , S. Spence -25 years, K. Stanton -5 years

Committee Reports

- **Special Events:** Erika - The first *colloquium* took place friday (9/21). the next one is schedule for 10/12. There was a very good student turnout. E. Hermanowicz urges faculty to go.

E. Hermanowicz wants faculty input about **Athenaze**. It was not held last year because attendance and interest has been declining. The question is, should we have it annually or just occasionally, or not at all? N. Rynearson conducted a survey while he was special events coordinator, the responses to which were generally positive. There were some suggestions to change and enliven the format. But is it worthwhile, and in what way/capacity should it be conducted if the event continues?

N. Norman - if we continue holding Athenaze, then we should agree as a department to participate more fully; to be there and welcome students who have returned.

C. Platter- what do we want this event to do, exactly? Currently it seems to be bringing back people who have been here before who sometimes bring students.

N Norman - there is a gap between the vision and what the event actually is. It was originally planned to be a massive outreach for new undergraduates and a recruiting tool for graduate students. Students and alumni claim to like it, but attendance has gone down.

J. Anderson- High School teachers have gotten less enthusiastic about it. If we continue to do it as is, we should do it less frequently. Maybe it has run its course.

C. Albright - How many people normally show up?

N. Norman. - a handful. Maybe we should have a roundtable with topics on things teachers are actually interested in.

C. Albright - The Summer Institute students seemed very interested in having an ongoing relationship with the department, but they don't come to Athenaze.

B. Wolkow - Maybe its part of the attendance problem is financial. We could use part of our endowment to assist with travel fees.

E. Hermanowicz- We do feed them, and if we take that route we'll have to deal with applications, etc. Maybe we should not have it this year, and rethink it to come up with ideas for a new, refurbished Athenaze.

N. Norman - I'm not hearing much strong emotion about this. Let's come up with ideas to foster the relationship between teachers and their students.

E. Hermanowicz - will come up with ideas and present them at the next meeting.

K. Stanton will remove the Athenaze page from website.

· **Greek Curriculum Cmte:** Ben - N. Norman and B. Wolkow have been coming up with ideas to strengthen our Greek program. In Spring 2013, B. Wolkow will get at TA to help with grading and some teaching in GREK 1002. This will serve as a pilot program to see if they do well. If so, they can teach GREK 1001 next fall. They are considering putting on a play - C. Albright envisions a new Greek theater class that would culminate in a performance. The potential is there and the students as interested. This could be a fun thing to do publicly. B. Wolkow has previous experience with a combined Greek and drama course. N. Norman brought up the idea of a campus-wide poetry contest. The University of Michigan is doing something similar and is getting a really good response from several academic areas. She will get more information about how Michigan runs their reading. B. Wolkow plans to have an event on 10/10 at 12:20 to promote our Greek Program (This will parallel Rome's birthday celebration the department holds in the spring). If anyone has any ideas, please let him know. There are lots of exciting possibilities. N. Norman - another idea is to sponsor a classics reading/event in association with Founders Day; a campus-wide reading of Greek and Latin, on a larger, more public scale (maybe at Demosthenian Hall). The idea is to remind people(both on and off

campus) that we have a flourishing classics program. C. Albright plans to rename the Latin banquet and encourage Greek students to participate along with the Latin students.

Discussion Items

· Faculty Senate item re institutes & tenure: C. Albright- (handout) It has been proposed that University Institutes be able to promote tenure, and have hiring capabilities. Currently these duties are held by the home department, which creates some hiring/tenure-granting difficulties for smaller Institutes. The Senate will need to vote at the next meeting on giving degree granting Institutes the ability to grant tenure.

C. Platter - What is definition on institute?

J. Klein - At some point UGA decided that if you gave out degrees and crossed college boundaries (were interdisciplinary), you were an Institute. It is not really necessary. Linguistics is not an Institute, but has been able to request permission to grant tenure.

C. Albright - The primary argument is why don't they just become departments?

J. Klein - Some of these programs are very small and a one-man operation should not be able to post tenure.

N. Norman - concurs.

C. Platter- There are problems here in that senior colleagues may not be able to grant a tenable review if they're wanting to get more people in department. We would need much more information to really vote on this.

C. Platter and J. Anderson would vote no on it given the amount of available information.

J. Klein - Women's Studies is a large program, but if it's just one or two people, that's too small.

Tasks for Fall semester ([chart](#))

- Continue work on revising the departmental assessment plan
- Finalize paperwork and submit request to reorganize the undergraduate majors to mirror graduate program

Tasks for Spring semester

- Finalize revisions to the departmental assessment plan
- Review of Rome Program

New Business, Announcements from the Floor

Executive Session (tenured faculty)

Calendar Reminders

- AIA lecture: John Pollini, [Christian Destruction and Desecration of Images of Classical Antiquity](#), Tuesday, September 25, 2012 - 7:00pm, **S150 Lamar Dodd School of Art**
- Departmental lecture: Peter Knox, [Archaeologizing Intertextuality in Ovid](#), Wednesday, September 26, 2012 - 3:15pm, **268 Miller Learning Center**

- Next faculty meeting: Wednesday, 24 October 2012, 12:20 pm, Park 225
- Agenda items due to Naomi: Friday, 19 October 2012

* : additional material distributed separately at the meeting