

**College of Visual & Performing Arts
Faculty Assembly MINUTES
Friday, December 5, 2008
2 p.m. - 119 Rutledge**

I. Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2008 Meeting

II. Report on the New Faculty Governance System

A. Representatives from the Faculty Governance Committee presented a brief overview of the new proposed Faculty Governance system, explaining its anticipated benefits compared with the old system. It was emphasized that the implementation of the new system will be a work in progress, and further discussion and suggestions will always welcome in the future.

III. Remarks from Dean Libby Patenaude

A. Dean Patenaude provided a detailed report on the challenges presented by the current budgetary crisis and the specific ways that it will affect the college budget and the institution as a whole. The policies regarding how furlough days are to be utilized was explained, and the strong possibility that additional furlough days will be implemented was also addressed.

B. Dean Patenaude announced that due to recent test results, it was determined that additional medical treatment in the form of two consecutive stem cell transplants would be needed in order for her to increase her chances of a good prognosis for her particular form of cancer. She will therefore be taking medical leave effective next week, with the hopes of being able to return to work in February for a short while in between the two stem cell transplant procedures. It was further announced that Associate Dean Alice Burmeister would be filling in for Dean Patenaude during her period of medical leave.

IV. Department/Unit Reports

A. Department of Music – Chair Don Rogers announced the upcoming Ensemble Series performances on Dec. 2nd & 3rd, and Dec. 7th, the Festival of Carols event on Dec. 8th, and the presentation of the Olde English Madrigal Feaste on Dec. 5th & 6th.

B. Department of Theatre and Dance – Chair Andrew Vorder Bruegge announced the upcoming Fall One-Act Play Festival with performances on Dec. 5th-7th, and the Senior Choreography Dance Showcase performances during the same weekend.

C. Department of Fine Arts – Chair Tom Stanley announced the upcoming Senior Painting and Sculpture Exhibition, opening on Dec. 19th, and provided an update on current curriculum revisions in the works.

D. Department of Design – Chair Chad Dresbach provided an update on departmental recruitment activities and upcoming curriculum issues.

E. Master of Arts in Arts Administration Program – Program coordinator Laura Gardner reported on both past and upcoming programs planned for the current cohort of MAAA students.

F. Winthrop University Galleries – Assistant Director Karen Derksen reported on the success of the *RE-VISIT: I Alumni Exhibition Celebration* and opening reception. She also announced upcoming plans with the ACE (Arts and Civic Engagement Projects).

G. Office of Special Projects – Director Amanda Woolwine gave a report on the success of the CVPA Medal of Honor in the Arts ceremony and performance event.

V. Old Business – There were no items of old business presented.

VI. New Business

A. CVPA Curriculum - Associate Dean Alice Burmeister began presenting the curriculum actions to be voted upon, but due to time constraints, it was moved and seconded, and then voted to table the vote on the curriculum until the next meeting.

VII. Announcements

A. An announcement was made regarding the CVPA Graduate Reception on Friday, Dec. 19th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Laura Dufresne also announced the upcoming deadline for the Research Council deadline on Feb. 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Reception - Rutledge Gallery

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