

DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION

Minutes – April 23, 2008

Present: Christa Brown, Kathleen Crawford, Dan Cronn-Mills, Kristen Cvancara, Jim Dimock, Rachel Droogsma, Dave Engen, Nan Johnson-Curiskis, Lynn Kuechle, Jessica Samens, Warren Sandmann, Kristen Treinen, Leah White

The faculty of the Department of Speech Communication met at 12 Noon on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 in MH 215.

Acting Chair: Summer: First Half: Kristen Treinen
Second Half: Nan Johnson-Curiskis

Fixed-Term Reappointments: After discussion, Jim Dimock moved the department recommend to the Dean reappointment of Jessica Samens and Kathleen Crawford to Fixed-Term appointments for the 2008-2009 academic year. Warren Sandmann seconded. Passed.

Fixed-Term Search: The search deadline was April 18, 2008. The committee will meet on May 2, 2008 in Dan's Office.

Colloquium Waiver: The waiver was sent to faculty via e-mail on April 17th to review prior to the meeting. After discussion, the Kristen Cvancara moved the department approve the Colloquium Waiver. Kristen Treinen seconded. Passed.

Department Policy on Funding for Graduate and Undergraduate Student Participation at State, Regional, National and International Conferences and Conventions: The draft was sent to faculty via e-mail on April 17th to review prior to the meeting. After discussion, Nan Johnson-Curiskis moved the department adopt the Policy. Kristen Cvancara seconded. Passed.

Andreas Visiting Scholar: Rachel suggested it would be good PR to provide dinner for the Andreas Visiting Scholar, Karen Mitchell, on April 28, 2008. It was suggested to provide dinner for the visiting scholar every time we invite a visiting scholar to campus. After discussion, Warren moved the department to cover the cost of dinner each time the department hosts a visiting scholar to campus. Dave Engen seconded. Passed

Rachel updated the faculty regarding the two possible scholars for Fall, 2008:

Greg Mortenson – Not available

Kristen O'Keefe Aptowicz – Available

After discussion, Warren moved the department recommend to the Dean that Kristen O'Keefe Aptowicz be the Nadine B. Andreas Visiting Scholar for Fall 2008. Dave Engen seconded. Passed. Rachel will prepare the Nadine B. Andreas Guest Artist or Lecturer Proposal form.

Personnel: Promotion and Tenure: Kristen Cvancara suggested the faculty should meet to discuss the department's expectations for promotion and tenure. Warren suggested we borrow wording from the Dean: Excellent, Strong, Good, Adequate, Does Not Show Adequate Progress. It was suggested to invite the Faculty Association/IFO President to a meeting in the fall to discuss what the department can do to guide faculty through the promotion and tenure process. The topic will be revisited in the fall when the Faculty Association/IFO President is available.

Budget: Dan updated the faculty on the upcoming budget cuts. If the department were to cut, what is the consensus of the department:

- To cut TA line
- To cut Fixed-Term line

Please send an e-mail to Dan regarding which area you would be willing to cut.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Steiner