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PALS Faculty meeting, December 9, 2005, 2 PM

PRESENT: E. Billiot, G.P. Blount, K.P. Blount, Cammarata, Causgrove, Chopin, Cook, Fox, Grise, Hickman, Larkin, Lehman, Loter, McKee, Mott, Moury, Overath, Silliman, Smith-Engle, Strychar, Stunz, Sutton, Thomas, Tissot, Waldbeser

1) Announcements:

- Grady relayed the just breaking news that Provost Harper has accepted the Presidency of Our Lady of the Lake College in Baton Rouge. She will be leaving February 3rd.
- *Bigger than a breadbox* request from Safety Office, Purchasing, and Physical Plant.
- *May be taken for graduate credit* notations to be removed in next catalog.
- *Fall Commencement*: Saturday, 12/17, 9:45 AM. REM: You must attend at least one per year.
- Don't want your office cleaned by custodians? Please e-mail Ray Sutton.
- Base funding period starts June 2006.
- Summer 2006 Teaching Schedule: Likely same number as last year. "Do not expect enhanced budget". With merit raises, new faculty release obligations, etc. Dean suggests we not offer any electives.

2) Program Announcements and Updates? Search Committee Updates?

BIOL had 62 applications for their new faculty slot. They expect site visits in January. BIMS has their faculty search shortlist down to 4. Phone interviews will be held next week. ESCI is working on 5 new degree options. They expect submission to the full faculty next spring. Their search committee has 5 finalists. Also expect January visits. GEOL has one extremely strong candidate.

3) Faculty Senate [Update](#) (Tim).

4) Spring [TA selection](#) (Lillian). Lillian reported that we have 88 lab sections in the spring term with 33 to 34 contracted TAs and possibly another 3 to 4 part-time (10-15 hours/week) TAs.

5) Funding updates: Original HEF allocation of \$106,530 includes BAT. Harper has requested additional \$400K including two new vehicles. TRDF: \$414,600 for PALS. Grady has requested that service contracts go forward.

6) New Dean Frank Pezold arriving January 1.

REM: Chair and Coordinators serve at the pleasure of the dean.
Reorganization plans included in job description.
Steidley stepping down January 15.
Grady will offer courtesy resignation and requested coordinators to do same.
On P&T: Assumption is that Frank will ask Jennifer's advice.

6) HRI moves next Thursday, 12/15. Need backfill moving list today.

7) Research lab allocation meeting scheduled for Monday, 12/12, CI-107, 10AM-Noon. Results of this meeting with existing and moving locations are posted [here](#).

- 8) SACS Update: Standardized course syllabi coming soon.
Must include *Student Learning Outcomes*, usually where *Course Objectives* would have formerly appeared.
The n=4 faculty rule for graduate programs has been dropped. Replaced by program must have *adequate* faculty to support student learning.
New reaccreditation sequence is:
- Compliance Certification (most of the old *must* statements). 2006.
 - Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). 2007.
 - Offsite Visit (based on web postings). 2009.
 - Onsite Visit. 2010.
- Unit Plans being constructed now at the Program level.

9) New Business?

Reminder that NOSB will be held 3/4/06 and will need the usual assortment of judges. This is a great service opportunity and is also FUN!