

Minutes of the Meeting of the UUF General Faculty on May 5, 2005

General Meeting of the University Undergraduate Faculty
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Room 310 Nord Hall

The meeting was called to order and minutes of the last UUF faculty meeting held on October 14, 2004, were approved with a correction noted that the Academic Standing Committee is recommending approval of new scholarship standards.

1. Provost John Anderson made several announcements:

We will have a very nice, and large, class this fall of new students. Some have expressed concerns about the "problems" of a too large class - for SAGES and dorms. He thanked all involved in bringing in this new class; more details when Vice Provost Chris Munoz gives his report.

The university has been successful in hiring David Diles as the Athletic Director, starting May 19th. Mr. Diles is a former assistant athletic director of a Division I school.

Provost Anderson has a new idea for future discussion, that of a daily free time for non-academic activities, and new rules for graduate classes.

Antonio Candau, the UUF Executive Committee chair, made a few remarks in appreciation of Dean Margaret Robinson and her tireless efforts on behalf of undergraduates, and presented a small gift on behalf of the UUF, on the occasion of her retirement.

ORAL REPORTS:

A. Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Vice Provost Chris Munoz

He thanked all faculty for their successful efforts in recruiting this new class of students - 1170 commitments to date. The percentage of students in both Arts and Humanities and in the Management school is up; SAT scores are up 23 points; out-of-state students are 54% and up from last year, along with an increase of under-represented minority students, though international students are fewer. Mr. Munoz said all had worked together; he hopes to do the same next year.

President Edward Hundert noted that a year ago he had spoken of the vision to be global and he is pleased to see so many students from around the country - the outreach was successful, that perceptions are changing, and that success begets success. He noted also that Engineering enrollment has increased by about 60 new students.

B. Office of Undergraduate Studies, Dean Margaret Robinson

Tim Dodd, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, left Case in January 2005 after almost 9 years to assume the role of Executive Director for the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University. Lynmarie Hamel joined the Office of Undergraduate Studies in January 2005 as Interim Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Although she fills the vacancy left by Tim Dodd, her primary focus will be on second year students. Joe Pieri, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies, will shift his second year student focus, to serve upper class students. In December 2004, Undergraduate Student Government voted to transfer their direction and oversight of the CaseFAM First Year Student Advising and Mentoring Pilot Program to the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Although still a student directed program, Julie Amon, Assistant Dean for First Year Students, will oversee the CaseFAM program. As called for in the Phase II Task Force Report for SAGES Full Implementation, the Office of Undergraduate Studies is in the process of searching for a Coordinator of First Year Student Academic Affairs to support first year initiatives such as CaseFAM and also the SAGES first year student advising needs. This new position will support the work that Julie Amon will be doing with the SAGES office and first year advisors.

The following students have won national and prestigious scholarships:
SOPHOMORES

2005 NSEP-Boren Scholarship for Study Abroad – alternate
Michael Davidson '07 (Mathematics and Physics major; Japanese minor)

ABB Scholarship for Study Abroad via Global Engineering Education Exchange
Olivia Corey '07 (Civil Engineering and Music)

JUNIORS

Goldwater scholarships for achievement and interest in science and in research
Raymond Choi '06 (B.A. Chemistry major, Asian Studies minor)
Pritesh Mehta '06 (B.A. Chemistry major)

SENIORS AND RECENT ALUMNI

Four-year NIH-Cambridge University scholarship for graduate study for the Ph.D.
Christina Bodner '05 (B.S. in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics; Chirstina is also a 2004-2005 Goldwater Scholar)

Fulbright Scholarship for 2005-2006

Andrea Snyder '05 (Biomedical Engineering (BSE), Chemistry (BA); German minor for study/research in materials engineering in Germany (University of Wuerzburg))

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies

Hannah Z. Stern '04 (History and Psychology)

2005 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Matthew Crane '05 (Electrical Engineering)

Seth Levine '04 (Chemical Engineering)

Eileen Romito '04 (Biomedical Engineering)

Mark Winkler '04 (Engineering Physics)

(There may be additional winners; the list provided on the NSF website does not include the recipients' undergraduate institutions; I have requested such a list from NSF.)

2005 National Defense Science and Engineering Grants

Vinay Majjigi '04 (Electrical Engineering)

Nathan Wedge '04 (Electrical Engineering)