

FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 4:30

room B-126

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AGENDA :

1. Elections :

a) College-wide elections : You should have received your ballots on Monday, April 11, for Assembly President and the six Standing Committee Chairs. If you did not receive a ballot, contact Ken Harrison, SOBL. Please note that Ken must receive your ballots by Monday, April 18 if you wish your votes to count. Election results will be announced at the April 19 Assembly meeting, at which time the winners will assume office.

b) Divisional elections : PROS and LIBR have already conducted their elections of Divisional representatives to the Steering Committee and the Standing Committees. NAMS, SOBL, GENS, and ARHU have not yet reported results of Divisional elections, nor has the UNION made its appointments. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, contact your Divisional Dean or the UNION President (Mary Ann Trail).

2. Grade changes by Academic Affairs : A formal request to Vice President Nazzaro from the Steering Committee, along with copies of some of the correspondence that preceded the request, are attached. Does the Assembly wish to discuss this issue and/or take further action?

3. Graduation : C. Herlands has had several phone conversations with President Farris, and the two have exchanged memos, about the elimination (as a result of "negotiations" between President Farris and the students) of the traditional Faculty Address at Commencement. Herlands will meet again with President Farris on Wednesday, April 13, on this issue. The Steering Committee has sent President Farris a statement, expressing the faculty's unhappiness with both the process and the substance of the decision to eliminate the Faculty Address. A copy of the statement is attached. Again, does the Assembly wish to discuss this issue and/or take further action?

4. Peace and Conflict Studies : This proposal is still stalled at the level of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Copies of memos from VP Nazzaro to Louise Sowers, from Sowers to C. Herlands, and from C. Herlands to Nazzaro, are attached. Herlands will pursue this matter with President Farris during their meeting on April 13. Any discussion?

5. Minors/Topical Concentrations/Certificates : The Academic Policies/Program Studies Committee, in its efforts to gain VP Nazzaro's approval of the Peace and Conflict Studies proposal, has been working on a proposal to establish minors. Under that proposal, individual Programs would be able to establish minors, and Topical Concentrations (including the new Peace and Conflict Studies concentration) would become "multidisciplinary minors." The Academic Policies

Committee and the Steering Committee had hoped to have this proposal on the agenda for today's Assembly meeting. Unfortunately, the proposal in its current form still does not meet Nazzaro's objections to Peace and Conflict Studies and is therefore not yet ready to be brought to the floor of the Assembly. Meanwhile, there are proposals for Topical Concentrations (or Minors) in French and Spanish that have not been acted upon, pending resolution of the stalemate described above. Those proposals may be added to the agenda for the April 19 Assembly meeting, or introduced from the floor at that meeting, depending upon what happens between April 12 and April 19.

6. Class/meeting modules : 77 faculty members voted for TR 4:30, while 44 voted for MWF 2:10. The Steering Committee recommends that the Assembly consider the matter resolved. The Student Senate also opposed changing the schedule.

7. Advisory Committee on Academic Advising : VP Nazzaro has appointed Nick Lund, Jan Colijn, and Dick Thomas as the administrative representatives to this committee. The Steering Committee has appointed Mike Geller, Roz Herlands, Mike McGarvey, and Larry Nutt as the faculty representatives. The UNION and the Student Senate have not made appointments yet. The charge to the committee is attached.

8. Advising days, '94-95 : Mary Ann Trail reports that the College has changed the Advising days for next year to Tuesday and Wednesday, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution.

9. Hearings on the future of the DHE : C. Herlands designated Elaine Ingulli to speak in his place, as a representative of the Faculty Assembly, at the hearings on the DHE at Rowan College on Thursday, April 14. Thanks, Elaine!

10. Honors College : President Farris wrote, in an April 11 letter to C. Herlands, suggesting additional topics for their April 13 meeting: "The Trustees have requested that the Honors College concept be developed. I am in the process of considering names of individuals to work on this project since quite a few people have expressed an interest in being involved. Do you have any suggestions on how the Faculty Assembly wishes to be involved in this project? Do give it some thought and let me know." Any discussion?

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This is the last regularly scheduled Assembly meeting of the Spring, and my last meeting as Assembly President. Just once more, I'd like to thank all the faculty who've worked so hard this year to make Stockton a better place in which to teach and learn and live. Special thanks to the folks who served on the Planning Task Forces, especially the faculty co-chairs (Schwartz, Tompkins, Jaynes, Rubenstein). The Standing Committees really worked hard all year; the Academic Policies/Program Studies Committee had a particularly busy year. The Smoking Task Force finally succeeded in making the academic buildings smoke-free. Most of all, thanks to the Steering Committee -- your wisdom and effort and advice and support have been invaluable.

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