

Eastern Oregon University – College of Arts and Sciences Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2008 3:15 p.m., Huber Auditorium

Presenter and/or Time	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action and Outcome
Dean Marilyn Levine, 3:18 pm	Call to Order and Welcome		None.
Dean Levine	Minutes Approval	The minutes of the November 29, 2007, College Meeting have been posted to CAS web site.	A motion was made and seconded to approve. Vote: Unanimous approval.
Dean Levine	Updates and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAS Searches: Three tenure-track searches have been approved to go forward – Theatre Arts, Mathematics, and PPE-Public Administration. We also gained approval to continue Heather Tomlinson in costuming. Provost Jaeger is reviewing the positions tied to Health Initiative funds. Advertising for these positions will be delayed. • Faculty Summer Scholarship Stipends: Award letters will be going out in two weeks. Two sabbatical proposals for CAS are still pending. Dean Levine congratulated the faculty on their submissions and hard work. • Promotion, Tenure, and Retention: The College Personnel Committee for CAS will complete the process ahead of schedule. Dean Levine announced how proud she was of the faculty accomplishments stated in the portfolios. • Enrollment Trends: A chart was displayed on enrollment trends comparison between W07 and W08. Enrollments look good. When asked if is there a plan for reinstating any faculty positions that have been cut, Levine responded there was always consideration for this, however there is a more immediate need to build up our reserves and to beef up the infrastructure; e.g. IT. There are 100 more student applications than this time last year. Preview Day has a new process thanks to Danny Aynes. The Oregon Opportunity Grant just got better to help existing and current students with tuition. • Upcoming Symposia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regina Braker will speak at the next colloquia about her sabbatical experience on Thursday, Jan. 24, 4 p.m. in Ackerman 210. ○ Karen Antell opened the term with a colloquia on saving the wetlands. ○ Tomorrow, Jan. 18, Dr. Jeanne McHale from the Department of Chemistry at Washington State University will be giving a seminar at 3 PM in Zabel 142. The title of her talk is "Spectroscopic Studies of Dye-Sensitized Solar Energy Conversion." – a graduate study opportunity. ○ Peter Johnson and Kerry Loewen had an art exhibition opening 	Levine will send enrollment data to the Division Chairs for distribution to faculty members who are interested in receiving a copy.

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		<p>in the Betty Feves Gallery at Blue Mountain Community College last week. The exhibition will run through February 8th, 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>A Dolls House</i> opens on McKenzie Stage January 22 and will run through January 26, 2008. ○ There will be an ARS Poetica reading on February 20. ○ February 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church the Blue Mountain Forum will sponsor a presentation on the History of Love – Rebecca H. will provide a historical perspective, M. Schumacher will read poetry, and Matt Cooper will play piano. ○ February 8 there will be an Alumni Exhibition opening in Nightingale Gallery. ○ May 21 is Spring Symposium. It's not too early to start encouraging students to participate. ○ April 8 will be the first Native American Awareness week. Dancing, drumming, film will be part of the celebration. There are two students graduating this year in the Native American Studies Minor Program. ○ Matt Cooper is taking 10 students to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in February. 	
	Curriculum Approvals	<p>Division of Social Sciences and Modern Languages: Barbara Schulz</p> <p>Request for new course: SPAN 326, Spanish for Health Care Professions, 6 cr. Course has two components: A weekend college and an online component with an intense medical terminology and grammar review. Currently 12 students are enrolled W08. Prerequisite: Two terms of Spanish.</p> <p>Division of Arts and Letters: Donald Wolff</p> <p>Request to change from S/U to graded. MUS 192, 193, 194 Class Piano. Class piano is required for the Bachelor of Music Degree and calls for more rigor than most S/U courses.</p> <p>Request for new course WR 329 Grant Writing, 1 cr. Requested by students and staff members. Prerequisite: WR 121. Suggestion to change to variable credit 1-4.</p>	<p>A motion was made and seconded to approve. Vote: Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to approve. Vote: Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to approve. Vote: Unanimous approval.</p>
Marilyn Levine	Implementation Plan	<p>Levine announced that a copy of the Implementation Plan is available in each division office for reference.</p> <p>Program Changes: Levine reviewed the program changes in CAS that were a consequence of the new Plan.</p>	

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		<p>Curriculum Planning: CAS will be doing flexible course delivery planning, but not all at once. Five pilot programs have been identified for flexible scheduling possibilities – CSMM, ENGLWR, Liberal Studies – Mass Media/Communication (under Media Arts), Anth/Soc, and one more TBA - pending discussion with the program faculty. Web pages will be created to include DDE faculty who are now our colleagues. Course enrollment caps were discussed with regard to the OAR.</p> <p>Assessment Issues: Program Assessment will take place in consultation with the faculty and Provost Jaeger. Jaeger will be directly responsible for assessment – in an effort to help save money. If desired, Dean Levine will invite Provost Jaeger to the next CAS meeting in February. Money from the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment will go toward faculty professional development. There is a definite commitment to increase technology on campus, but some status-quo planning will need to take place next year.</p> <p>Other Issues: Concern regarding hybrid courses; the culture of tenured vs. non-tenured faculty was discussed. Dean Levine vowed to preserve a culture of academic freedom for the issue of teaching online. David Komito has temporarily taken over the Blackboard duties. Tim Seydel and Mike Cannon will be putting together a fact sheet to answer who to go to for what. Plans are to search for a President next year and a Dean of the College of Education and Business. The following year there will be a Provost search.</p>	<p>Levine was asked to take back to Dean’s Council the worry of planning for a new future and losing distance students because of problems they encounter while integrating DDE into campus. A suggestion was made to set up a distribution list to instructors as a means to discuss any problems they encounter.</p>
	<p>Good of the Order</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPC was applauded for finishing the PTR portfolios early. • On January 21 students and community members will gather in Max Square at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate Martin Luther King's legacy. There will be a ceremonial march to EOU campus and a video showing of Dr. King's famous speech in Zabel Hall, Room 142. 	

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.