

**College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Minutes of the Faculty Meeting
March 20, 2013**

Dean Sapiro called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Dean's Report

Dean Sapiro announced that the non-dollar exercise of this year's annual faculty merit review should be underway in departments, with recommendations and materials due by Friday, April 26. Discussions should also be going on in and across departments and interdisciplinary programs about faculty hiring priorities, in preparation for college-wide discussion at the May meeting of CAS chairs and directors. Letters of admission will shortly be going out to applicants for the CAS Class of 2017. Dean Sapiro thanked faculty in advance for their welcoming participation in April Open House events, and discussed trends among admitted students in the majors they have provisionally chosen on their applications.

Discussion Agenda

Co-chairs Beth Loizeaux (Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs) and Azer Bestavros (Computer Science / Hairi Institute) presented the work of the Council on Educational Technology & Learning Innovation (CETLI), with emphasis on 1) goals, challenges, and opportunities for using web-based technologies to improve BU residential education and reach new learning communities; and 2) resources available to faculty (www.bu.edu/edtechcouncil/), including a calendar of Spring 2013 CETLI events, and information on seed grants, for which 1-2 page concept statements are due on April 12. Slides from the presentation are posted here: <http://www.bu.edu/cas/faculty-staff/committees-assemblies-and-meetings/arts-sciences-faculty-meetings/>.

Co-chair Laurie Pohl (Vice President for Enrollment & Student Affairs), accompanied by CAS members Stan Sclaroff (Computer Science) and John Caradonna (Chemistry), reported for the university-wide Course Credit Definition Committee. Slides detailing the "why" and "what" of the committee's activities, including a next phase of consultation with school and college faculties, have since been forwarded to CAS chairs, with a recommendation from Dean Sapiro for work by each department faculty to map out how, in terms of expectations for student effort and achievement, it will respond to the federally mandated demand to explain the 4 credits its (variously structured) courses confer.

Automatic Consent Agenda

All items on the Automatic Consent Agenda were approved without discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m., with sherry hour following in the Boston University Center for the Humanities.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jackson, substituting for

Patricia Hills
Professor of History of Art & Architecture and
Secretary of the Faculty