

Minutes of the Faculty Meeting

The October Faculty Meeting was held on Tuesday the 16th at 5:00 in COM 200. Those present were Dean Fiedler, Associate Dean Shanahan, Assistant Dean Mahoney, Assistant Dean Sabovik, Professors Austin, Bayles, Berkovitz, Carroll, Carter, Cavaliere, Clark C., Danielpour, Davis, Doherty, Donohue, Downes, Egleson, Fauls, Grundmann, Hall, Jaramillo, Kauffmann, Lambert, Lee, Loman, Manoff, Merzbacher, Oppliger, Quigley, Rafeizadeh, Rand, Schneider, Shorr, Smith, Southwick, Supa, Thompson, Trust, Tsay-Vogel, Ureneck, Vigil, Walsh, Walker, Wu, Zelnick, Zuckoff.

1. Professor Jaramillo introduced the IS&T presenters before they showed a PowerPoint on the new Blackboard Learn system being put into effect. The new Blackboard will have a newer more modern look with performance enhanced features. The goals of the new blackboard are to consolidate blackboard onto one common system, streamline and improve learning management services, and to create an overall better look and feel with greater flexibility and more media options. The first rollout will be available for Spring 2013 classes, and the second rollout will be scheduled for Fall 2013.
2. Dean Fiedler made a motion to approve September Minutes. Motion made, second and approved.
3. Professor Tsay-Vogel discussed the upcoming Distinguished Fall Lecture with speaker Diana Mutz on October 25th at 4 PM in the Photonics Building. Professor Tsay-Vogel then went on to introduce the November Colloquium series, in which Professor Loman would discuss *Sesame Street as a Revolution in Educational Television*.
4. Assistant Dean Mahoney introduced a motion to replace Professor Doherty with Professor Loman as Film & TV Representative for Faculty Council. Motion made, second and approved.
5. Dean Fiedler went on to discuss the Great Debate being held on November 1st with the debate topic focused on *Does Obama Merit a Second Term?*. Dean Fiedler then went on to congratulate Professor Merzbacher's on his film *Performance Anxiety*.
6. Professor Daly briefly discussed the Faculty Development Program Workshop and COM adjunct Professor Barber speaking on Thursday November 15th in Room 208 in COM to discuss "Google Hangouts".
7. Dean Fiedler briefly spoke about the COM Strategic Plan and its importance. Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion second and approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 PM