

Draft Minutes
Eight-second Meeting of the Faculty of the SAS
Thursday, December 13, 2012
Voorhees Hall, Room 105—College Avenue Campus

Attendance:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Department</u>
Bartels	Emily	English
Beals	Michael	SAS Deans Office
Bell	Rudolph	History
Bojanowska	Edyta	Russian, German
Busia	Abena	English/WGS
Cooper	Brittney	WGS/Africana
Cotter	Martha	Chemistry & Chem. Bio.
Dennis	Karen	SAS Deans Office
Dougherty	Neil	Exercise Science
Feigley	Dave	Exercise Science
Flores	Tatiana	Art History/LHCS
Gambarota	Paola	Italian
Gliserman	Martin	English
Goldstone	Andrew	English
Grimshaw	Jane	Linguistics
Haviland	Martha	Life Sciences
Hawkesworth	Mary	WGS
Isaac	Allan	American Studies
Jiang	Tao	Religion
Kim	Suzy	Asian Languages & Cultures
Klein	Peter	Philosophy
Lawrence	Susan	SAS Deans Office
Maldonado-Torres	Nelson	LHCS
Marcone	Jorge	Spanish/Comp. Lit.
Martinez-San Miguel	Yolanda	LHCS/Comp. Lit.
Masschaele	Jim	SAS Deans Office
Matsuda	Matt	History
Mazrui	Alamin	AMESALL
McCoy-Rusanova	Svetlana	Russian, German
McInerney	Claire	SC&I
O'Connor	Dan	Chair, NB Fac. Council
Ramsamy	Edward	Africana Studies
Scanlon	Larry	English
Schuller	Kyla	WGS
Simmons	Richard	Asian Languages & Cultures

Sinkoff	Nancy	Jewish Studies/History
Song	Weijie	Asian Languages & Cultures
Stevens	Camilla	LHCS/Spanish
Wasserman	Mark	History
Weingart	Michael	Mathematics

1. Richard S. Falk (Mathematics), Acting Executive Dean, called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm. Dean Falk called for a moment of silence to honor deceased colleagues Kesar Singh (Statistics) and Claude W. Lovelace (Physics & Astronomy).
2. Dean Falk's motion to accept the previously circulated agenda for the meeting passed unanimously.
3. Dean Falk's motion to accept the minutes of SAS faculty meeting of May 1, 2012 passed unanimously.
4. Martha Cotter (Chemistry) reported on activities of the University Senate. Senate minutes are available at <http://senate.rutgers.edu/>
5. Dan O'Connor, Chair of the New Brunswick Faculty Council and Associate Professor in the School of Communication and Information, reported on the activities of the NBFC. The NBFC minutes are available at <http://nbfc.rutgers.edu> . Martin Glisserman (English) asked if the NBFC was recognized in university regulations. It is not, but O'Connor remains hopeful that this will be accomplished.
6. Larry Scanlon (English), Chair of the Core Requirements Committee, reviewed the new courses approved for the Core Curriculum. He noted that the recent decline in humanities enrollments did not seem to be related to implementation of the Core Curriculum, but enrollments might be enhanced by the development of Core courses. He will work with concerned faculty who wish to develop Core offerings. Scanlon's motion to approve the CRC report passed unanimously.
7. Dennis Bathory (Political Science), Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented the list of new courses and changes in the catalogue approved by the CC. Bathory's motion to approve the CC report passed unanimously.
8. Dean's Report: Dean Falk reviewed the large number of administrative searches that are being conducted and emphasized that this is a period of change that poses opportunities as well as challenges for SAS. President Barchi's initiative in selecting a

Boston consulting firm to help craft a university strategic plan is one example of a situation where our collective wisdom will be challenged in responding to change.

Dean Falk detailed the meetings with chairs, directors and faculty that he has initiated. He hopes to continue to work with those who can help us to continue to be a faculty that is essential to the aspirations of the whole university. We need to develop further our “message” within the university context both as a means of focusing our own efforts and in order to define ourselves effectively in the university context.

Dean Falk reviewed the projected SAS budget deficit but found reasons to be cautiously optimistic of our ability to manage the challenge it represents. We are getting new buildings on both College Avenue and Busch and can look forward to planning for the best use of this new capital. The task of constructing promotion packets remains essential to our success, and it is not helpful when candidates for promotion seem to be teaching less than they should without much sense of institutional needs.

Hearing no call for New Business, we viewed a film featuring eight SAS undergraduates discussing what a Rutgers education means to them.

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Reed (History), Secretary of SAS