

Minutes

Eighty-fifth Meeting of the Faculty of the SAS, May 6, 2014

Voorhees Hall, Room 105—College Avenue Campus

Last name	First name	Department
Allender,	Eric	Computer Science
Angeline,	Barbara	CRC
Bathory,	Dennis	Political Science
Beals,	Michael	Office of Undergrad. Ed./Math
Bell,	Rudy	History
Blair,	Doug	Economics/Anthropology
Brennan,	Corey	Classics
Busia,	Abena	Womens and Gender Studies
Carr,	Deborah	Sociology
Clemens,	Paul G. E.	History
Cotter,	Martha	Chemistry and Cell Biology
Delauro,	Diane	Office of Academic Services
Dennis,	Karen	Office of Undergrad. Ed.
Egan,	Frances	Philosophy
Elias,	Maurice	Psychology
Galili,	Ziva	History
Gliserman,	Martin	English
Haberl,	Charles	AMESALL
Haviland,	Martha	Division of Life Sciences
Helfer,	Martha	German
Isaac,	Allan	American Studies
Jiang,	Tao	Religion
Kim,	Suzy	Asian Languages and Cultures
Kolbaba,	Tia	Religion
Lawrence,	Susan	Office of Undergrad. Ed./Political Science
Levine,	Michael	Comparative Literature
Maldonado,	Nelson	Latino Studies
Mandelbaum,	Jenny	SCI
Mani,	Preetha	AMESALL
Marcone,	Jorge	Spanish and Portuguese
Masschaele,	Jim	SAS Deans Office

McCoy-Rusanova,	Svetlana	German
McGlew,	Jim	Classics
Neigeborn,	Lenore	Office of Academic Services
Neumaier,	Diane	Mason Gross
Prusa,	Thomas	Economics
Ramsamy,	Edward	Africana Studies
Rendsburg,	Gary	Jewish Studies
Rockland,	Michael	American Studies
Sagarra,	Nuria	Spanish and Portuguese
Scanlon,	Larry	English
Sheflin,	Neil	Economics
Sidlauskas,	Susan	Art History
Siegel,	Jonah	English
Sifuentes,	Ben	American Studies
	Richard	
Simmons,	V.	Asian Languages and Cultures
Stevens,	Camilla	Spanish and Portuguese
Stone,	Matthew	Computer Science
Swenson,	James	SAS Deans Office
Thimba,	Sheila	SAS Deans Office
Trigg,	Mary	Womens and Gender Studies
Van Buskirk,	Emily	German
Walker,	Janet	Asian Languages and Cultures
Wasserman,	Mark	History
Weingart,	Michael	Mathematics
White,	Eugene	Economics
Wilder,	David	Psychology

Richard S. Falk (Mathematics), Acting Executive Dean of SAS, called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

The dean remembered recently deceased faculty of Arts & Sciences:

Susan Schrepfer was a pioneer in two areas of history: the western United States and the environment, topics on which she published two influential books, *The Fight to Save the Redwoods* and *Nature's Altars*. Her colleagues valued her friendship and wise counsel. Her

dedication to her students showed both in her classes and in her creation of programs to support K-12 teachers in the state. For twenty-five years she was the core of the High School Teachers Institute of the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis that connected our finest faculty with NJ's social studies teachers. For her good works she won the Ernest McMahon Award. Susan was a dedicated teacher, who taught her classes until the day before she died.

Peter Rona, a joint faculty member with the SAS Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and the Institute of Marine and Coastal Studies, was an oceanographer who dived into the depths of the world's seas and surprised his peers by discovering vast mounds spewing hot smoke at the bottom of the icy Atlantic, exciting interests in deep-sea mining and the origins of life on earth. Rona published more than 250 scientific papers in his career and was a science director of *Volcanoes of the Deep Sea*, an IMAX film that took viewers down to deep-sea vents in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The film has since been seen by 165 million people around the world.

Carl Faith was appointed Full Professor of Mathematics at Rutgers University, New Brunswick in 1962 and taught there until his retirement in 1997. He was one of the leading ring theorists of his generation and was the author of numerous publications and books, including his definitive two-volume Algebra published in the Grundlehren der Mathematischen Wissenschaften series.

2. Dean Falk's motion to accept the agenda (previously circulated) passed unanimously.
3. Dean Falk's motion to accept the minutes from the SAS Faculty Meeting of December 12, 2013 (available at <http://sas.rutgers.edu/faculty-a-staff-migrated/1611-sas-faculty-meeting-minutes>) passed unanimously.
4. Martha Cotter (Chemistry), Vice-Chairperson of Rutgers University Senate reported on recent University Senate discussions and resolutions. Among the Senate's recent business, she stressed the Senate's response to Charge S-2106 (see:

<http://senate.rutgers.edu/ASRACOnS1206StudentAchievementAndEffectiveUseOfResourcesJanuary2014.pdf>) as well as the Senate's approval of the proposed reorganization of Nursing programs at Rutgers (all mergers and reorganizations, Professor Cotter stressed, require the Senate's approval in accordance with Rutgers principles of shared governance). Senate minutes are available at <http://senate.rutgers.edu/minutes.html>.

4. Martha Cotter also reported on the activities of the New Brunswick Faculty Council as Chair Person of the NBFC. (Minutes are available at http://nbfc.rutgers.edu/year13_14/minutes.html.) Most significant was Faculty Council's resolution on March 28 urging President Barchi to rescind the invitation to former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to speak at the Rutgers Spring 2014 graduation. The resolution, Professor Cotter lamented, prompted a deluge of hostile reactions, some from Rutgers alums. Professor Cotter also reported on the Council's review of resources that the Rutgers administration continues to pour into Rutgers Athletics. The Council is urging the administration to move aggressively to reduce the enormous deficit, to increase transparency and to adopt effective monitoring measures.

5. Larry Scanlon (English), Chair of the CRC, reported that the committee is continuing to discuss online classes, and the Core's role in the continuing drop in Humanities enrollments. Considerable discussion focused on the need for reviewing the Core after several years of implementation, including the multiple goal designations and the appropriateness of 400 level courses in the core. For the CRC report:

[file:///Users/mcglew/Downloads/CRC%20Report%20for%20SAS%20Faculty%20Mtg,%202014-05-06%20\[FINAL-02\]%20\(1\).pdf](file:///Users/mcglew/Downloads/CRC%20Report%20for%20SAS%20Faculty%20Mtg,%202014-05-06%20[FINAL-02]%20(1).pdf)

The report was adopted.

6. Dennis Bathory (Political Science), Chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the Curriculum Committee continues to discuss the implementation of hybrid courses and the

conversion of established courses to online format (the committee in this past period considered 50 such courses and approved roughly 40). The committee is also reviewing the use of film in classes. For the Curriculum Committee report, see

<http://sasoue.rutgers.edu/sas-curriculum/archive-of-approved-reports/33-policies-resources/faculty-resources/sas-affiliates-faculty-meetings/133-may-6-2014>

The report was adopted.

7. Dean's Report

Dean Falk, speaking at his final SAS Faculty meeting in his role as Acting Executive Dean, thanked the SAS staff for their tireless service through the past two years. He reported progress in managing the large SAS deficit that came to light at the start of his term and has dominated SAS since its discovery. Hiring has not altogether stopped in SAS and there have been important recent fundraising success. Moreover there have been improvements in the structure of departmental budgets (thanks in part to the suggestions of an ad hoc committee made up of SAS chairs). More important, as Dean Falk stressed, the SAS faculty continues to do their impressive work.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Acting Executive Vice Dean Jim Masschaele moved that the SAS Faculty thank Dean Falk for his devoted service to SAS in the past two years. His motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

James McGlew (Classics)

Acting Secretary of SAS