

## Minutes of the CHASS Faculty Meeting 10/23/06

1. Dean Toby Parcel called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes from the April 19, 2006 meeting were approved as written.
3. Committee Reports
  - Academic Life-No Report
  - Curriculum- Risa Ellovich reported that the committee has met 5 times this semester and has been busy with course action forms and discussion of the GER Task Force proposal.
  - Research and Graduate Studies- Dean Parcel gave the report on behalf of Walt Wolfram, Interim Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, who had a meeting conflict. The full report can be accessed on the CHASS web site under *Governance/Faculty Meetings*.
  - International Programs- Anne Schiller, Director of CHASS International Programs, reported that the Committee has reviewed two new study abroad programs and one of those programs, to Ecuador, will be going forward in 2007. The committee's task group on International Activities, headed by David Ambaras of History, has been busy planning several events including one, which will coincide with International Human Rights Week in December, and others that will be offered in conjunction with NC State's recognition of International Education Week. The task group on Enhancing Study Abroad in CHASS has met to begin designing a one-credit pre- and post-Study Abroad experience academic course, which they hope to offer on an experimental basis in 2007-08. CHASS International Programs has purchased new world maps that adorn the hallways in Caldwell and Tompkins. The one in Tompkins Hall will be used to follow faculty and students' research and study overseas. Finally, there is a new CHASS International Programs link to the Office of International Affairs home page.
  - Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee-Dean Parcel read the report on behalf of committee chair, Doug Jesseph of Philosophy and Religion. This year's RPT cycle includes eighteen cases: seven reappointments of Assistant Professors, seven tenure and promotion to Associate Professor (of which five are early tenure decisions), and four promotions to Full Professor. The committee has already begun examining the reappointment cases that have been sent forward to the Dean's office, and we expect that the entire slate of tenure and promotion cases will be finished by the end of November. The role of the committee is to ensure that departmental procedures for reappointment and tenure have been adequately followed and to guarantee that the dossiers sent forward are in compliance with university requirements. The committee does not take it upon themselves to "re try" cases at the college level by offering a separate assessment of the merits of candidates for reappointment, tenure, or promotion. Instead, the committee's charge is to make sure that the documentation provided supports the departmental recommendation. Because all CHASS departments have clear and explicit standards in place, the committee anticipates that the resolution of the eighteen cases will be a fairly straightforward matter.

4. Dean's Report – Dean Parcel thanked everyone for attending and for giving her such a warm welcome to campus. She and her husband, John Gerber, are excited about being here. Dean Parcel's remarks to the faculty can be found on the CHASS web site under *Governance/Faculty Meetings*.
5. GER Update- Laura Severin reported that the GER Task Force has not met since receiving feedback from all of the colleges. They will be meeting on Wednesday, October 25 to look at alternative proposals including what was submitted from CHASS. All of the proposals are posted on the Task Force's website. Questions and discussion.
6. Other Business: N/A
7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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