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VOTING FOR DEGREES FOR LIBERAL ARTS AND JACKSON COLLEGE

DEAN GLASER:  Welcome to a meeting of the faculty of Arts and Sciences, and we will start with voting for degrees for Liberal Arts and Jackson College at this time.

Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present these candidates from Liberal Arts and Jackson College.  It is the function of this faculty to recommend to the board of trustees all candidates for degrees in Liberal Arts and Jackson College as authorized by the trustees for the award of the degree in February 2015, subject to the usual conditions.

I am happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements as set forth by this faculty for the programs in which they have been enrolled.  The total number of bachelor degrees to be recommended is 76.  In Liberal Arts, there are 26 Bachelor of Arts candidates, 16 Bachelor of Science candidates.  In Jackson College, there are 24 Bachelor of Arts candidates, 10 Bachelor of Science candidates.

The list of degree candidates is found on the table as you walk in, in case anybody wishes to see that.  Is there a motion to recommend?  Second?  All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?  We will have graduates in February.

Now, I would like to close the School of Arts and Sciences meeting, and I call on Dean Bob Cook to open a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences faculty meeting to vote graduate degrees.

VOTING FOR DEGREES FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEAN COOK:  At this time, I'd like to open a meeting of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to vote on degrees.  Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present these candidates for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.  It is the function of this faculty to recommend to the board of trustees all candidates for degrees in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences as authorized by the trustees for the award of the degree in February 2015, subject to the usual conditions.

I'm happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements as set forth by this faculty and for the programs in which they have been enrolled.  The total number of degrees to be recommended is 57.  Of these, 50 are master’s degree and education specialists, and 7 are doctoral degrees.

The number of graduate degrees are as follows: 22 masters of arts, 1 master of arts in teaching, 2 masters of fine arts, 23 masters of science, 2 masters of public policy, 6 doctors of philosophy, and 1 doctor of occupational therapy.  Is there a motion to recommend?  Second?  All those in favor?  We'll have more graduates in February.

DEAN GLASER:  But wait, there's more.  The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences faculty meeting is now closed.  I call on Dean Nancy Bauer to open a College of Special Studies meeting to vote degrees.
VOTING FOR DEGREES FOR COLLEGE OF SPECIAL STUDIES

DEAN BAUER: At this time, I would like to open a meeting of the College of Special Studies to vote degrees. And as you all probably know, but I'll repeat it again, the College of Special Studies is an administrative vehicle at Tufts that allows us to grant degrees and certificates to entities, such as the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, that are not Tufts schools, per se.

Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present these candidates from the College of Special Studies for the degree of bachelor of fine arts. I am happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements as set forth by this faculty for the programs in which they have been enrolled.

The chair of the Department of Visual and Critical Studies at the Museum School, College of Special Studies, has approved this list of degree candidates. I would therefore move that this faculty recommend that these candidates be forwarded to the board of trustees for award of degrees in February 2015, subject to the usual conditions.

There are 18 bachelors of fine arts candidates. Is there a motion to recommend? Is there a second? All in favor, say aye. All not in favor, say no. Anybody abstaining, make a big fuss right now. Okay, good, we're done.

DEAN GLASER: At this time, I would like to close the College of Special Studies meeting and reopen a meeting of the School of Arts and Sciences faculty. Welcome back. I don't believe that there are any students in the room, but my scan on the room indicates that that's not the case, so we will now call upon George McNinch, who's the chair of the LA&J Committee on Academic Standing and Honors to come forward to talk about honors.

HONORS

PROFESSOR McNINCH: As a recall, I wanted to have those criteria written down, but the last page of the paper has -- last week, I needed (?) a number of them, something like 15 students who met the numerical criteria for summa cum laude, which is a grade point average criteria for having enough As in your concentration and the criteria for having the requisite number of As in distribution requirements.

So these people listed did have that, and there's an additional requirement for summa that you have a departmental recommendation and letter, and there was one of the candidates that did not have that recommendation, and that's what I'm presenting to you here. So is there a discussion?

A year ago, there was a question why write down the people who don't have departmental support, and I actually asked that in the committee, and I think the answer is for transparency, just so that you know what is happening. So there's numerical criteria for summa, and there is additional criteria for the departmental criteria that's written into the Bulletin, and that's the language that appears in the first three pages of the handout that I gave.

So typically, there is some discussion, but there doesn't have to be. I can just ask for a motion to approve the summa candidates, the ones who have departmental support and numerical criteria, so if anybody wants to --
DEAN GLASER: I don't believe we have anybody here from economics.

PROFESSOR McNINCH: I'm not sure that it's a requirement.

DEAN GLASER: So we don't know why this particular student --

PROFESSOR McNINCH: There was a letter. I do not remember precisely what it said. It basically said -- do you remember, Carmen?

DEAN LOWE: They had a rationale on the summa form which said that this student did not meet the department's consideration for the breadth, depth, and intellectual vigor that they require for the summa honors in economics.

PROFESSOR McNINCH: Right. I guess the way to say it is that I don't think it's an oversight, so that's another thing that would be good about bringing it up at this point, is to avoid students not having departmental support because no one thought of considering it. But it was definitely considered. There was a negative letter written.

So do we have a motion to -- I don't have the fancy language that preceded my (inaudible), but if we have a motion to approve -- I guess the final requirement for summa is a faculty vote. So that's what's left here, is a vote of the faculty of Arts and Sciences, that we have a motion to support summa cum laude for the candidates north of the line at the bottom of the list.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Second.

PROFESSOR McNINCH: All in favor say aye? All opposed, say nay. All abstaining? Thanks.

DEAN GLASER: Once we've collected all of the materials about the students, we will close the meeting of the faculty of Arts and Sciences. And you may have ten minutes to enjoy some lunch and visit with your colleagues.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jillian Dubman
Secretary of the Faculty for Arts, Sciences & Engineering
AS&E Faculty Meeting, Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Schedule and Location

Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 12:00 PM – 1:20 PM
Coolidge Room, Ballou Hall
Light lunch, coffee, and water served at 11:30 AM

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Announcements
Tufts International Travel Policy
  Claudia Jackson, Program Manager for International Safety and Operations

Recommendation of Degrees
Recommendation for AS&E Degrees for February, 2015
  David Harris, Provost and Senior Vice President

Old Business
Discussion and Vote on TCU Senate’s “Indigenous People’s Day” Proposal
  Members of the AS&E Executive Committee

New Business
Update on Senior Administrator Searches: Chief Diversity Officer, Dean of A&S, Dean of Engineering, and Athletics Director
  David Harris, Provost and Senior Vice President

AS&E Reorganization - Athletics
  Members of the AS&E Executive Committee

Adjournment

For Reference
*Please print all attachments and bring them with you to the meeting; a limited number of hard copies will be available at the meeting.

  • Briefing Information
  • TCU Senate Resolution on Indigenous People’s Day

Listings of future faculty meetings as well as the agenda and attachments for this meeting are online at http://ase.tufts.edu/faculty/meetings/.
Briefings

Announcements

Tufts International Travel Policy
Tufts encourages international travel and recognizes that a global perspective and international collaboration are essential to its academic mission. The university is equally committed to the safety and well-being of its students, faculty and staff when they participate in university-related activities. A new Tufts International Travel Policy is intended to support the safety and well-being of Tufts students, faculty and staff when they participate in university-related international travel, particularly in those regions where there are heightened health and safety risks.

The policy is the culmination of a year-long effort to develop a framework for assessing and facilitating safe international travel. The policy proposes two new processes to meet this goal:

- The institution of a university-wide online Travel Registry
- The implementation of a Travel Review process for Tufts students traveling to a country with a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning

Old Business

Discussion and Vote on TCU Senate’s “Indigenous People’s Day” Proposal

Speaker: Judith Haber

Summary: The TCU Student Senate has approved the following proposal and asked the Executive Committee to submit it, on their behalf, to the AS&E Faculty for a vote; the students state that similar proposals have been adopted by many universities:

Resolved, that the holiday currently known as “Columbus Day” be henceforth known as “Indigenous People’s Day” on the AS&E Academic Calendar and in all AS&E correspondence.

Key Issues: See student handout

Action required: Vote on the above proposal.

New Business

Update on Senior Administrator Searches: Chief Diversity Officer, Dean of A&S, Dean of Engineering, and Athletic Director

Speaker: David Harris, Provost and Senior Vice President
Summary: The Provost will provide an update on the status of the following searches: Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Dean of the School of Engineering, Athletic Director, as well as the recently announced Chief Diversity Officer, Mark Brimhall-Vargas.

Action required: None

AS&E Reorganization - Athletics

Speakers: Members of the AS&E Executive Committee

Key issues: Reporting structure of the new Athletic Director

Action Required: Discussion