Executive Associate Dean Brian Ross called the meeting to order at 3:00. 30 faculty were in attendance. The minutes form the April 14, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously. Executive Associate Dean Ross announced the Brian Gaines was appointed the Parliamentarian. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Department of Asian American Studies to establish an Undergraduate major in Asian American Studies. Per the Procedures for Executive Committee action on courses and curricula proposals (A Faculty adopted policy), the Executive Committee approved on behalf of the faculty and asked that this action be announced at the Faculty Meeting. The Executive Committee submitted the Professor Douglas Simpson as the Secretary of the Faculty. No other nominations were presented and the faculty unanimously approved the appointment. The handout listed the Report of the Nominations Committee- updates since Spring 2015 Meeting. The names listed as additions to standing committees were approved unanimously.

Executive Associate Dean Brian Ross presented a college update (slides from the meeting are appended to these minutes). Substantial renovation efforts are underway in the Natural History Building and Chemistry Annex. Feasibility studies have been completed for Altgeld and Illini Halls. LAS welcomed a new Director of Communications- Brad Petersen. He will be building a more consistent communication plan for the College. Our advancement office is fully staffed for the first time in 4 years. LAS welcomed 42 new faculty in August 2015. Due to the budget concerns, fewer faculty searches (15) were authorized this year. The college had many excellent changes in undergraduate recruitment this year- we have the 2nd largest freshmen class this year with 2220 enrolled as of the 10th day of enrollment. 1597 freshmen are Illinois residents; 18.7% are underrepresented; 20.8% are first generation students. The majors with the largest freshman enrollments are: 519 Biology; 294 Psychology; 162 Chemical Engineering; 153 Mathematics.

The budget situation is a mess. We do not know when there will be any agreement on cuts for university systems. Campus has shared a proposed budget with the college. The LAS budget model for reduction will be presented to EOS later this week. A few positive budget items- LAS Online is making money: winter term $750K, Summer 2015 $3.5 million. We also have several self-supporting programs that are generating revenue: MS in Policy Economics, MS in Statistics, MS in Health Communication, MA in Translation and Interpreting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm.
LAS Fall Faculty Meeting

November 2, 2015

College Updates

• LAS Highlights
• Faculty and Student Recruitment
• Brief Budget Overview
LAS Highlights - Faculty

- Appointed 39 faculty to named professor, chair, or scholar positions (128 total in LAS)
- Prestigious external recognition
  - National Medal of Science
  - 5 National Endowment for Humanities Fellowships
  - 2 American Academy of the Arts and Sciences Fellows
  - 2 Sloan Research Fellows
  - 1 Guggenheim Fellow
  - 3 National Academy of Science Members

LAS Highlights – Program Reviews

- Four successful academic program reviews completed in AY14-15
  - Linguistics, Math, Classics, Chemistry

- Six academic program reviews scheduled in AY15-16
  - Anthropology (done), Spanish & Portuguese (done), Astronomy (done), Political Science, Molecular & Int. Physiology, English
LAS Highlights - Renovations

• Substantial renovation efforts underway
  ▪ Natural History Building
  ▪ Chem Annex
  ▪ Ethnic Studies Facilities Repairs
  ▪ Psychological Services
  ▪ 7 Provost Matching Fund projects

• Feasibility studies
  ▪ Altgeld and Illini Halls (Completed)
  ▪ Roger Adams Laboratory
  ▪ Observatory
  ▪ Spurlock Museum

New Director of Communications and Marketing

• Brad Petersen joined September 8
• Previously director of communications for Dept of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Illinois
• Holds BA in English, MA in Communication from LAS
• Part of dean’s cabinet
Advancement Update

- Fully staffed for first time in four years
- New campaign in silent phase
- LAS Department Priorities
- Student engagement

Faculty and Student Recruitment
Faculty Recruitment

- 42 new faculty in August 2015
- For next year, budget concerns:
  - No new authorizations
  - 15 searches previously authorized

Tenure System Faculty FTE in LAS

![Graph showing tenure system faculty FTE in LAS from 2006-2016]
Undergraduate Recruitment and Orientation

- Many excellent changes in undergraduate recruitment—These were discussed at the annual meeting with LAS faculty, administrators, and staff

- New transition-orientation to campus courses for international and transfer students

Incoming LAS Freshmen

- Freshman yield is up!
- 7,461 total admits
- 2,235 students accepted
- **2,220 enrolled (as of 10th day)**
- Enrollment target was 2,092
Incoming LAS Freshmen

- 1,597 freshmen are Illinois residents (72%)
- 18.7% are underrepresented (Hispanic or African American)
- 20.8% are first generation students
- Majors with largest freshman enrollments:
  - 519 Biology
  - 294 Psychology
  - 162 Chemical Engineering
  - 153 Mathematics

Budget
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• Unprecedented political stalemate resulting in significant uncertainty

• Large unresolved imbalance between projected state revenues and expenditures

• Substantial liabilities due to many years of under-funded pension obligations

Budget

• Proposed cuts for entire university system
  ▪ Governor: 31% or $209M
  ▪ Legislative budget: 8.6% or $58M, vetoed by governor

• LAS budget model for reduction to be presented to EOs later this week
LAS Perspective on Budget Reductions

Some Good Budget News: Revenue Generation

- LAS Online
  - More than 150 courses developed
  - Winter term: $750K
  - Summer: $3.5M in 2015

- Self-Supporting Programs
  - MS in Policy Economics
  - MS in Statistics
  - MS in Health Communication
  - MA in Translation and Interpreting
Other Good News:

• This is the last slide

• Snacks provided

• Provost Ed Feser to speak to LAS Faculty