

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
May 8, 2017
3:30 p.m.
McKenna Hall Auditorium
University of Notre Dame

MINUTES

Members present: John Affleck-Graves, Panos Antsaklis, Scott Appleby, Brad Badertscher, Bob Bernhard, Sunny Boyd, Jay Brandenberger, Julie Braungart-Rieker, Kasey Buckles, Tom Burish, Peter Burns, Patricia Champion, Ann-Marie Conrado, Michael Desch, Malgorzata Dobrowolska-Furdyna, Mary Galvin, Umesh Garg, John Gaski, Erin Hoffmann Harding, Peter Holland, Roger Huang, Rev. John Jenkins, CSC, Daniel Johnson, Peter Kilpatrick, Matthew Leevy, Ed Maginn, Chris Maziar, John McGreevy, Maria McKenna, Margaret Meserve, Nell Newton, Hugh Page, Ramachandran Ramanan, Heather Roberts Stanfiel, Jeanne Romero-Severson, Maura Ryan, Nick Schilling, Laura Sill, Carter Snead, Diane Parr Walker, Sophie White

Members excused or absent: Bryce Badura, Laura Carlson, Dennis Doordan, Nasir Ghiaseddin, Brad Gregory, Michael Lykoudis, Louis MacKenzie, Eva Niklinska, Michael Pippenger, Janet Stengle, Mason Zurovchak

Observers present: Kevin Barry, Kathy Brickley, Earl Carter, Jim Frabutt, Matt Lahey, Bryan Ritchie, Demetra Schoenig

Welcome and Opening Prayer Fr. Jenkins opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and invited Maura Ryan to offer the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of March 21 Fr. Jenkins invited a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 21. A motion was made, and the minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Discussion and Vote: Biophysics Graduate Program Proposal, College of Science Fr. Jenkins invited Ed Maginn, chair of the Advanced Studies Committee of the Academic Council, to introduce a proposal for a new graduate program in Biophysics, a doctoral track program in the College of Science. Ed advised that approval of the proposal had been obtained by the College Council and the Dean of the College of Science. It was then discussed by the Faculty Senate, followed by a discussion and vote of approval by the Advanced Studies Committee. The proposal is attached to these minutes as an appendix.

Ed invited Prof. Patricia Clark, a member of the Chemistry and Biochemistry faculty who has led the program proposal development, to provide information about the proposed degree and answer questions from the Council. Patricia shared information about the rationale for and design of the proposed program, and a brief discussion ensued about the review and consultation process. With no additional questions from the floor, Fr. Jenkins invited a vote. The Biophysics proposal was passed on a voice vote with one against and the remainder in favor.

Discussion: Advisory Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching Interim Report Fr. Jenkins invited Mark Gunty, co-chair of the Advisory Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching, to provide an update on their work. Mark shared information about the committee charge and the consultations and discussions that resulted in the preliminary report. Following a brief discussion, Fr. Jenkins thanked Mark and the other committee members for their hard work.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.