

**COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003**

MINUTES

1. Announcements and Questions

The meeting was called to order at 3:35p.m. There were no questions of the Dean.

REPORTS

2. It was moved to file the Annual Report of the Curriculum Committee 2002-03.

The motion to file passed.

3. It was moved to file the Annual Report of the Honors Committee 2002-03. The

motion to file was passed.

4. It was moved to file the Annual Report of the Academic Planning Council 2002-

03. The motion to file was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Professor Ed Friedman raised the issue with more focused scope of the ethnic studies requirement. He said that at a time when increasing internationalization is a strategic priority for the university, the study of ethnicity in other countries should be allowed and that this would often be an effective way of getting students to understand ethnic problems in the U.S.

After discussion, Dean Certain asked if anyone wanted to make a motion. No one did, but Ed Friedman asked for a straw poll. On the question of whether the University Senate should debate the scope of the ethnic studies requirement, the vote was 17 yes, 5 no, 4 abstain. On the vote in favor of returning to the 1996 definition, the vote was 13 yes, 5 no, 6 abstain.

6. Budget update

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:50p.m.