

1. The Provost began by giving an update on the state of the faculty rank recommendation. The final draft of the recommendation was submitted to Dr. Carter on September 2nd. The recommendation will go before the board of trustees at the October 2nd meeting. He will post the executive summary of the recommendation on the provost's website and hold a special forum for faculty members some time in October or early November.
2. The Provost stated the files of faculty curriculum vitae should be complete and in the dean's offices at this time. He asked if vitas had not been submitted to the at once.
3. Provost Kapelke announced at the May 2008 forum that he was creating a comprehensive list of educational priorities for the next three years, consistent with, and in some cases enlarging on the priorities enumerated in the college's strategic plan. Among these are the creation of a Center for Integrative Studies, which has been mentioned in other venues, a greater number of small but educational qualitative graduate programs, and continuing emphasis on international education, in all its forms.
4. Louise love, the school deans, and Provost Kapelke will also begin working with the faculty in the development of an honors program. Research on the subject has already begun, and the next step will be to identify faculty members who would like to be included in the development of the college's honors program.
5. Provost Kapelke reported on Academic Initiatives and International Programs as follows:

Academic Initiatives is: forming a taskforce of Chairs and Faculty to develop Continuing Education courses and working with Departments and Centers to collaborate marketing for non-degree/public programming.

International Programs: In collaboration with Critical Encounters, is preparing a joint symposium in February with Dublin Institute of Technology and the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University entitled: Wealth and New wealth. Information regarding actual dates and times will be announced.

- Recent graduate, Aimee Lee, was awarded a Fulbright grant to work for nine months in Korea and currently there are seven student applications for this year's upcoming Fulbright scholarships
- Two Audio Arts and Acoustic students will attend Tongji University in Shanghai on a full semester-long scholarship provided by the Chinese government

- There is an increasing number of study abroad J-Session and Summer programs in China, Italy, Czech Republic, Mexico, Honduras, France, the UK, Costa Rica, and Germany
- A joint international symposium is being worked on with The European League of Institutes of the Arts (ELIA) entitled: Claiming Creativity: Art Education in Cultural Transition for April 21-24, 2010.
The symposium Claiming Creativity will take place in Chicago on our campus. This is a very exciting opportunity for Columbia, not least because Columbia College is taking the lead in this global discussion on education and practice in the arts and media, but also, in joining with ELIA, we will host a truly international gathering of practitioners and policymakers from all over the world. The symposium will include workshops, panel discussions, and selected presentations with some of the world's leading experts on creativity in the arts and industry.

In the upcoming weeks and months, you will see further information about the content of the symposium in the form of flyers and posters around the college. Details regarding participation, etc., will be posted on the Academic Initiatives and International Programs website. College-wide announcements will be made as planning progresses.

6. Provost Kapelke stated, "Of course, the romantic poets believed that with pleasure there must also come some subsequent pain, so it is his duty to remind attendees **again** that CCC's 10 year accreditation visit will be taking place next march and early April."
7. Under Anne Foley's guidance, the steering committee and its five working groups labored diligently in conducting research, drafting preliminary reports pertaining to the five criteria, providing Anne Foley and her staff excellent material from which to create an initial draft of the self-study report. Anne's plans to have the draft completed within the next few weeks.

Q&A/Comments

Question:

What is the timeline for departments developing criteria for the rank of professor?

Answer: Provost Kapelke

Departments will work individually and combined at the school and college level on this criteria. This process should be complete by Spring 2009 semester.

Answer from Provost Kapelke regarding: Question regarding Faculty Senate

The faculty needs to determine how it governs itself. Current system of governance does not promote faculty governance which gives faculty the level of primacy over the key areas such as curriculum and instruction.

Answer from Provost Kapelke regarding: Question regarding Honors Program.

Research has been done and a working team needs to be assembled; the thinking thus far is not to exclude anyone. The current honors system is based on GPA of 3.50. The

college needs more ways to recognize students who achieve at a very high level. If the college is able to put together an Honors program rather quickly, it will enable the committee to look at all those levels of distinction.

Question: How does the Center for Integrated Studies connect/relate to Honors Program?

Answer: Provost Kapelke

Initially, the discussion was to connect the Center for integrated Studies somehow with the Honors program. The choice at this time is to keep them separate. The Honors Program would have priority over the Center for Integrated Studies if a priority had to be set.