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Present: Joan Davis, Barry Levis, David Charles, Emily Russell, Robert Vander Poppen, Julia Foster, Michael Buck, J Vasone, Julie Carrington, Dorothy Mays (secretary).

- 1) **Spring research grant awards.** The number of applications this semester were lower than anticipated, so we will not need to be quite so rigorous this round. Should we go back to the Fall applicants and reconsider those who were very competitive but we could not fully fund?
 - a. Most of us were hesitant to leave money on the table. Rather than award money more liberally after a very frugal Fall, we will review notes from last semester. It may be possible to award additional funding to projects from the Fall round of applications if there is money available.
 - b. Joan asks that we review all applications and submit a ranking with dollar amounts for her by Sunday morning.
- 2) **Revision of the Bylaws.**
 - a. **Voting Membership of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.** Voting privileges are extended to all full-time faculty, including visiting faculty. David noted that Artists in Residence do not have voting privileges. Is this an oversight? Can we get the language changed to include them? The bylaws currently extend voting to faculty “whose primary responsibility is to teach in the College of Arts and Sciences.” Since the primary job of Artists in Residence is to teach, can we extend the vote to them? This may open problems, because “lecturers” do not have voting privileges. Lecturers have a 4-4 load. There was some concern with broadening the language even further, as we already have trouble getting a quorum. We have dramatically increased the number of visiting faculty in recent years, and they don’t have a great track record of attending faculty meetings.
 - i. We will go ahead and include lecturers and Artists in Residence. They are full-time colleagues and should be afforded voting privileges.
 - ii. Another wrinkle: What about faculty members who have dual appointments in A&S and CPS? Do they have voting privileges in both? We think they do.
 - iii. Distinction with Holt faculty. In the past, Holt faculty has always been considered part of the A&S faculty. But some administrators in Holt are not currently covered under the bylaws, because their job is not primarily teaching. The bylaws extend voting to A&S administrators, but not Holt. How do we accommodate those Holt administrators? Do we even want to, as they may have a conflict of interest?
 - b. Art 3 sec 1. We changed Dean of the Faculty to Dean of A&S
 - c. Art 4 sec 5. “Petition for review.” One-third of the student body is required to sign a petition to review an issue. There is a lot of ambiguity here...a third of the entire undergraduate population? Every student, even if they are taking only one class? David suggest language such as “one-third of the relevant student body.” Perhaps insert “as determined by the EC” to define who is the relevant student body.

- d. Article 5 sec 2. We chose to leave this alone, as we don't want to tell CPS how to do their business.

We will finish making changes to the bylaws at our next meeting.