

Faculty Senate

Arts and Sciences Caucus Report November 2008

Budget issues are prominent, but some positives are happening:

- 1) The new Art Facility for glass making is on schedule for completion this summer and they are currently recruiting a new faculty member for this area of Art.
- 2) Alpha South is being renovated for ROTC and additional A&S classroom space with a planned opening in January.
- 3) Arts and Sciences exceeded its goal in the Development Campaign with over \$3 million and is ongoing.
- 4) Exhibits for the Archaeology Museum are in development, but no firm date for completion.
- 5) Students are being recruited for the Marching Band and will start next fall.
- 6) A&S Faculty brought in \$3 million in competitive funds this past year, the most ever.
- 7) Enrollment in A&S is at the highest level ever at over 4,000 students.

Some negatives,

- 8) Budget crunch will likely result in not replacing faculty as leave USA, which will mean greater use of part-time faculty and instructors.
- 9) Based on my own informal conversations with other faculty members, cancellation of sabbaticals is a blow to faculty morale.

Humbly submitted,

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