

**Humanities Division meeting**  
**Dec. 12, 2007**

**Present:** Pete Brown, John Burr, Mike Cowling, Fumiko Fukuta, Kay Neal, Ron Rindo, Andy Robson.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Nov. 14, 2007, meeting were approved (Rindo moved, Fukuta seconded).

**Course actions:** There were none for this meeting.

**Meeting dates for Spring Semester:** Meetings will be at 2 p.m. on Feb. 21, March 13, April 17 and May 8 in N/E 107.

**Department updates:** Neal reported that an offer had been extended to a job candidate for one of the positions in Communication, and that two candidates had been interviewed for another position. She noted that the quality of the candidates was very good.

Rindo said the search in English was going well.

Burr said Philosophy would be interviewing candidates at a conference in Baltimore.

Cowling reported that Journalism had done phone interviews with finalists, and would be inviting a candidate for an on-campus visit during Interim.

Brown said that Anthropology/Religious Studies was looking forward to the Growth Agenda as a possible way to add a position.

**Interaction with new faculty:** Brown expressed a concern that young female faculty members might need some help in dealing with students who tend to be demanding of their time. It was suggested that some professional boundaries be established. Fukuta suggested that EAP be asked to offer assistance. Rindo said that perhaps something informal with the newer faculty be done in January.

**Low enrollments:** Robson reminded the members of the need to report to the dean's office any low-enrollment classes. It was noted that some departments had already done so.

*-Submitted by Mike Cowling*