The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

Minutes
April 22, 2015


Guests: Aron Aji, Jennifer Bertrand, Anny Curtius, Raúl Curto, Rodica Curtu, Chaden Djalali, Meenakshi Gigi Durham, Denise Filios, Michael Hill, Nathan Platte, Yasmine Ramadan, Ana Rodríguez-Rodríguez, Alexandra Thomas

1. The minutes from March 25, 2015, were approved.

2. Dean Chaden Djalali provided a update regarding the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, including recent research initiatives and awards, participation in cluster hires, student success and engagement, the state of the budget and TIER progress. He also answered questions from the floor.

3. Executive Associate Dean Raúl Curto presented updates to a previously approved document entitled “Faculty Appointments & Review – Lecturer Positions.” Changes were made to clarify procedures, improve processes, and increase efficiency related to Lecturers in CLAS. He also announced the advancement of ten faculty members to Senior Lecturer. A motion was made to approve the revised document. After discussion, the motion was adopted.

4. Professor Denise Filios, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, and Aron Aji, Director, MFA in Literary Translation, presented a proposal for an undergraduate minor in Translation for Global Literacy, previously approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. The interdisciplinary and collaborative minor, to be housed in the Division of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures, would introduce undergraduates to the resurgent field of translation, and encourage students to explore translation as a crucial dimension of global literacy. The 18 semester hour minor requires no new resources, other than creation of the introductory course, and should appeal to students in a variety of majors. The proposal was approved.
5. UI Presidential Search Committee members Professor Gigi Durham, School of Journalism & Mass Communication and Department of Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies, and Dr. Alexandra Thomas, Faculty Senate President, reviewed the UI Presidential search process with Faculty Assembly and led a discussion regarding desirable qualifications of the next president. In addition to utilizing the search committee, the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, has retained Parker Executive Search to assist with the search and selection, however final decisions will be made by the Board of Regents. On campus interviews with final candidates are expected to occur in late August or early September.

6. Professor Chris Cheatum, Department of Chemistry, member of the CLAS Strategic Planning Committee, stated that a draft strategic plan will be completed in summer. Feedback will be solicited and the plan finalized in the fall semester.

7. Professor Eliot Hazeltine, Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences, member of the Faculty Assembly subcommittee on Digital Data Collection and Management, provided a report from the subcommittee regarding best practices for management of electronic data and activities.

8. The meeting was adjourned.

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The Chair reminded the Assembly of the purpose of the second meeting and then welcomed newly elected members of the Assembly. Terms run for three years and will be completed at the end of the spring 2018 semester. Departments also have updated their unit FA representatives (who are appointed or otherwise designated by the unit). These representatives also serve for three years whenever possible.

*Elected Representatives to the Faculty Assembly (2015-2018)*

**Group I**
Nathan Platte, Music
Stephen Voyce, English

**Group II**
Yasmine Ramadan, French & Italian
Ana Rodríguez-Rodríguez, Spanish & Portuguese

**Group III**
Rodica Curtu, Mathematics
Randall McEntaffer, Physics & Astronomy

1. Professor Chris Cheatum, Department of Chemistry, member of the Faculty Assembly Nominating Committee, introduced FA officer nominees for 2015-2016: Professor Russell Ganim, Division of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures, as a candidate for chair; Professor Ana Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, as candidate for vice chair/chair elect; and Professor Glenn Storey, Departments of Classics and Anthropology, as candidate for secretary. Nominations also were welcomed from the floor. Seeing none, Professor Anita Jung, School of Art & Art History, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, called for a voice vote for each of the offices separately. The three candidates were elected.
2. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Russell Ganim, Division of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures
Secretary of the Faculty Assembly