CLAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
240 SH

Present: Mark Blumberg, Chris Cheatum, Monica Correia, Raul Curto, Roxanna Curto, Christine Getz, Erin Irish (zoom), Rebekah Kowal, Brian Lai, Cornelia Lang, Teresa Mangum, Roland Racevskis, Ana Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Sara Sanders, Michael Sauder, Joshua Weiner

Absent: None

Guests: Becca Tritten

1. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes from the September 26th meeting were approved, as amended.

2. CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure (MOPP) Revision Proposal
   Executive Committee (EC) members continued their review of the CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure (MOPP) Revision Proposal.

   EC members focused on two topics in the MOPP. They discussed how best to include representation of Instructional Track Faculty on the CLAS Executive Committee.

   They also carefully worked through the section on the MOPP focused on Faculty Assembly, considering how to strengthen that body through broad representation of faculty and through closer connection and communication with the Dean’s Office. EC members considered how the operations of Faculty Assembly compare with operations of similar governance bodies in other Colleges as well as with the operations of Faculty Senate. The discussion included the leadership of Faculty Assembly, in particular the nomination process for Faculty Assembly officer positions (the officers serve one year and include a Chair, a Vice Chair who succeeds the Chair the following year, a Secretary, and the Past Chair). EC also considered the voting rights of those officers.

   Next week EC will continue to discuss the CLAS MOPP revision proposal and offer feedback on the document section by section. In particular, the group will discuss the section on the Administration of the College’s Academic Units, currently Article XV of the CLAS MOPP.

   In the meantime, the Deans and all available members of the EC will meet with Faculty Assembly in a Special Session (Wednesday, October 11 at 3:30 p.m. in 101 BSCB) to share the draft of proposed changes so that Faculty Assembly members can discuss those changes at their regularly scheduled meeting (Wednesday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. on Zoom).

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, Teresa Mangum, Secretary
CLAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
240 SH

Present:  Mark Blumberg, Chris Cheatum, Monica Correia, Raul Curto, Roxanna Curto, Christine Getz, Rebekah Kowal, Brian Lai, Cornelia Lang, Teresa Mangum, Roland Racevskis, Ana Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Sara Sanders, Michael Sauder, Joshua Weiner

Absent:  Erin Irish

Guests:  Becca Tritten

1. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes from the October 3rd meeting were approved.

2. CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure (MOPP) Revision Proposal
   Executive Committee (EC) members continued their review of the CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure (MOPP) Revision Proposal. EC members focused on the section on the Administration of the College’s Academic Units, currently Article XV of the CLAS MOPP, and how that information should be represented in the revision proposal. Several members noted the crucial role of DEOs as bridges connecting departments with the Dean and Associate Deans. EC also discussed the chair position of Faculty Assembly, considering ways to strengthen connection and communication among Faculty Assembly and the deans.

   Members of the EC will meet with Faculty Assembly in a Special Session (Wednesday, October 11 at 3:30 p.m. in 101 BSCB) to share the draft of proposed changes so that Faculty Assembly members can discuss those changes at their regularly scheduled meeting (Wednesday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. on Zoom). Faculty membership of EC spent the last 30 minutes of the meeting preparing for that discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Mangum, Secretary
CLAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
240 SH

Present: Mark Blumberg, Chris Cheatum, Monica Correia, Raul Curto, Roxanna Curto, Christine Getz, Erin Irish, Rebekah Kowal (zoom), Brian Lai, Teresa Mangum, Roland Racevskis, Ana Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Sara Sanders (zoom), Michael Sauder, Joshua Weiner

Absent: Cornelia Lang

Guests: Becca Tritten

1. Faculty Assembly Special Meeting Debrief
   Faculty members of Executive Committee (EC) met without the deans for the first part of the meeting to debrief on Faculty Assembly’s special meeting on Wednesday, October 11.

2. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes from the October 10th meeting were deferred to a future meeting.

3. CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure (MOPP) Revision Proposal
   EC members discussed the Chair of Faculty Assembly’s email request for an extended timeline for the Assembly to review the CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure revision. Respecting Faculty Assembly members’ commitment to reviewing and providing commenting on the MOPP revision proposal, EC members and the Dean revised the timeline as follows:

   1) Members of the EC will attend the regularly scheduled Faculty Assembly meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. on Zoom to listen. Their goal will be to listen to the Faculty Assembly’s discussion of the CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure Revision Proposal. EC members hope to hear from as many diverse perspectives as possible.
   2) EC will ask Faculty Assembly to provide feedback on the revision proposal at the end of their regularly scheduled November 15th Faculty Assembly meeting.

   The EC then continued to discuss next steps for the CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure Revision Proposal. Taking comments from the special Faculty Assembly meeting on October 11 and the deans’ consultations with DEOs into account, the EC began going through the MOP section by section to consider further revisions. Thus far, the EC discussed Article I, Article II, and Article III (stopping at Section III.2). Discussion will resume next week.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Mangum, Secretary
Present: Mark Blumberg, Chris Cheatum, Monica Correia, Raul Curto, Roxanna Curto, Christine Getz (zoom), Erin Irish, Rebekah Kowal, Brian Lai, Cornelia Lang, Teresa Mangum, Roland Racevskis, Ana Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Sara Sanders, Joshua Weiner

Absent: Michael Sauder

Guests: Tiffany Schier, Becca Tritten

1. Religious Studies
This year, David Cunning is serving as Interim DEO of the Department of Religious Studies at the request of Executive Committee as ways to strengthen the department are explored. His home department is the Philosophy Department, where he has also served as chair. David met with Executive Committee (EC) to discuss the current status of the Religious Studies department. He reported on the creative ways that Religious Studies is reaching out to students in General Education courses and even by setting up a table on the Cleary walkway. Students, he explained, often don’t realize Religious Studies is a “thing.” The department is working hard to change that. He also reminded EC that the department would like to start admitting graduate students next year after a hiatus. After asking questions to better understand the strengths and needs of Religious Studies, the EC agreed to address that request very soon. EC members Raul Curto and Roxanna Curto were not present for the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the October 10th, October 17th, and the October 13th special meeting were approved.

3. CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure (MOPP) Revision Proposal
EC members discussed the feedback received from last week’s CLAS Faculty Assembly meeting. EC members attended the meeting to listen and better understand the concerns of Faculty Assembly members. EC had already communicated that we supported Faculty Assembly’s request for a longer timeline for the revision process.

To address questions raised by Faculty Assembly members in the meeting, EC is working with CLAS communicators to create a clear, accessible FAQ that will be widely available. As EC members continue to work on the MOPP over the next few weeks, they will take questions and suggestions of Faculty Assembly and other faculty who have shared questions, suggestions, and support into account. The deans will also reach out to DEOs and departments to respond to questions and concerns. The EC and the Deans reiterated their commitment to shared governance, recognizing the constraints of University-wide policies and practices with which we must negotiate. First and foremost, the EC shares with Faculty
Assembly and departmental faculty and staff colleagues a commitment to a strong community in the College and to the transparency and trust required from all of us to make that hope a reality.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Mangum, Secretary
Present:  Mark Blumberg, Chris Cheatum, Monica Correia, Raul Curto, Roxanna Curto, Christine Getz, Erin Irish, Rebekah Kowal, Brian Lai, Teresa Mangum, Roland Racevskis, Ana Rodriguez-Rodriguez (zoom), Sara Sanders, Michael Sauder, Joshua Weiner

Absent:  Cornelia Lang

Guests:  Becca Tritten

1. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes from the October 24th meeting were approved.

2. CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure (MOPP) Revision Proposal
   Executive Committee (EC) decided to invite the officers of Faculty Assembly (FA) to join them at a meeting this semester. The goal would be to share ideas about ways EC and FA might work together more collaboratively in the future. The EC liaison to the FA Agenda Committee will share the invitation at the next agenda-setting meeting and ask when a visit would be most convenient for the FA officers.

   EC members then continued to discuss the CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure (MOPP) proposed revision, focusing their feedback by going through the document section by section. EC stopped at Article VI, Section VI.1 Membership. Work will continue next week.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Mangum, Secretary