The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Assembly  

Minutes  
April 25, 2018  


Absent:  Emilie Destruel-Johnson, Brian Ekdale, Amanda Haes, Michael Hill, Palle Jorgensen, Philip Kaaret, Jiyeon Kang, Caglar Koylu, Christopher McMillan, Ariana Ruiz, Glenn Storey, Ion Bogdan Vasi, Susan White  

Guests:  Lori Adams, Jennifer Bertrand, Sue Curry, Helena Dettmer, Yvonne Farley, Adam Jaschen, AmyRuth McGraw, Bruce Nottingham-Spencer, Nick Yablon  

1. The minutes from March 21, 2018 and March 28, 2018, were approved.  

2. AmyRuth McGraw, Lecturer, American Sign Language Program, presented a proposal for termination of the undergraduate Certificate in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies, previously approved by CLAS Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. Reasons for the requested closure include that the certificate frequently is misunderstood, as it is not a credential related to interpreting ASL, and that the minor in American Sign Language is more popular with students, such as those in the Speech and Hearing Science major. The proposal was approved.  

3. Sue Curry, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, visited with Faculty Assembly. She stated she has been collecting input from shared governance and others, and she will make a decision regarding appointment of an interim Dean for CLAS by the end of May. She reviewed the new University of Iowa budget allocation model (BAM) effective for FY19 and its potential impacts on CLAS. The model has been in development for 2.5 years, and was informed by the need for more transparent, stable, and predictable information related to finances. She also answered questions from the floor.  

4. Yvonne Farley, Clinical Assistant Professor, School of Social work, presented a proposal for an undergraduate Certificate in Resilience and Trauma Informed Perspectives, previously approved by CLAS Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. The certificate is co-sponsored by the College of Education, and arose out of a teaching subcommittee of the Promoting Resilience Initiative. The certificate will be attractive to students planning to enter helping professions who are concerned about trauma and its widespread and adverse effects. The Certificate includes 6 semester hours of required coursework, and 12 semester hours of electives from an approved list. The proposal was approved.
5. Carrie Swanson, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy; Stephen Voyce, Associate Professor, Department of English; and Katherine Wolfe, Associate Professor, School of Music, presented a report from the Free Speech on Campus Faculty Assembly subcommittee regarding recent activities. The subcommittee has been exploring issues of free speech and academic freedom, and have met with representatives of American Association of University Professors (AAUP), law school faculty, and the UI Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Values. The subcommittee will invite Steve McGuire, Professor and Director of the School of Art and Art History, and chair of the Committee on Academic Values, to address Faculty Assembly in fall 2018 to review a statement on academic freedom proposed for addition to the University Operations Manual, as it does not currently address freedom of speech issues.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

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Christopher Brochu, Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, and Chair of Faculty Assembly, 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 2021 semester. Departments also have updated their unit Faculty Assembly 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 (2018-2021)

At Large representatives
Lori Adams, Biology
Alicia Ambler, English as a Second Language
Anthony Arnone, Music
Will Jennings, Rhetoric
Bruce Nottingham-Spencer, German
Maggy Tomova, Mathematics

1. Nick Yablon, Associate Professor, Department of American Studies, and member of the Faculty Assembly Nominating Committee, introduced FA officer nominees for 2018-2019: Tori Forbes, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, as candidate for secretary; and Rachel McLaren, Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies, as candidate for vice chair/chair elect. Nominations also were welcomed from the floor. Seeing none, the Chair called for a voice vote for each of the offices separately. Both candidates were elected.

2. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel McLaren, Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies
Secretary of the Faculty Assembly