

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

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Minutes
February 21, 2018

Present: Scott Baalrud, Christopher Brochu, Elana Buch, Margaret Carrel, Andrew Casto, Octav Chipara, Stephen Cummings, Anny Curtius, Rodica Curtu, Douglas Dion, Aniruddha Dutta, Brian Ekdale, Tori Forbes, Robert Gerstmyer, Joyee Ghosh, Christopher Goetz, Sabine Gölz, Michael Hill, Lenore Holte, Laurent Jay, Tom Arne Midtrød, Ann Marie Nest, Thomas Oates, Isaac Petersen, David Puderbaugh, Yasmine Ramadan, Ana Rodríguez-Rodríguez, Ariana Ruiz, Glenn Storey, Kendra Strand, Carrie Swanson, Michelle Voss, Stephen Voyce, Darrel Wanzer-Serrano, Stephen Warren, Frank Weirich, Marc Wold

Absent (Excused): Amanda Haes, Benjamin Hunnicutt, Alan Kay, Kathryn Lavezzo, Ana Llopart, Rachel McLaren, Nathan Platte, Yasmine Ramadan, Katherine Wolfe

Absent: Emilie Destruel-Johnson, Steve Duck, Palle Jorgensen, Philip Kaaret, Jiyeon Kang, Christopher McMillan, Richard Roller, James Tamerius, Ion Bogdan Vasi, Susan White

Guests: Jennifer Bertrand, Sarah Bruch, Helena Dettmer, Adam Jaschen, Melissa Tully

1. Professor Christopher Brochu, Chair of Faculty Assembly, announced the Faculty Assembly Nominating Committee soon will be formed to seek nominations for Faculty Assembly secretary and vice chair/chair-elect for 2018-2019.
2. The minutes from January 24, 2018, were approved.
3. Assistant Professor Sarah Bruch, Department of Sociology and co-chair, Charter Committee on Diversity, encouraged faculty to complete the Faculty and Staff Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion survey by February 28, 2018, and participate in upcoming strategic listening sessions.
4. Assistant Professor Melissa Tully, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, presented a proposal for termination of the Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Mass Communication, previously approved by CLAS Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. The Bachelor of Science is not different from the Bachelor of Arts, causes advising confusion, and is not popular with students. She noted the B.S. degree has no impact on the ability of JMC graduates to find jobs post-graduation. After brief discussion the proposal was approved.
5. Associate Professor Glenn Storey, Departments of Classics and Anthropology, discussed concerns regarding Assessing the Classroom Environment (ACE) online course evaluations compared to the previous paper evaluations, including an increase in abusive comments, decreased participation by students, bimodal distribution of scores, and a lengthy (two-week) survey window. He also reviewed literature regarding gender bias against female instructors in using student assessment of teaching, and made recommendations to change to a free-response mid-semester formative evaluation by students, with an increase in the number of peer observations of teaching. Professor Christopher Brochu, Chair of Faculty Assembly, noted other problems with ACE online

evaluations including that students must complete multiple evaluations for each course, which leads to conflation of scores for teaching assistants and faculty members. Faculty Assembly members also contributed to the discussion. The Chair noted this topic will be sent to the CLAS Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee for further review.

6. The Chair stated that Faculty Assembly officers will meet with consultants for the CLAS Dean's search on February 28, and that Faculty Assembly may hold a special meeting during the first or third week of March to meet with the CLAS Dean's Search Committee. He said that President Bruce Harreld will attend the March 28, 2018, FA meeting and requested Faculty Assembly members send questions for President Harreld to FA officers by March 9.
7. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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