The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Assembly  
Minutes  
January 25, 2017  


**Absent (Excused):** Christopher Brochu, Peter Chanthanakone, Stephen Warren  

**Absent:** Sabine Gölz, Palle Jorgensen, Kathryn Lavezzo, Ann Marie Nest, Ion Bogdan Vasi, Susan Chrysler White, Katherine Wolfe  

**Guests:** David Bennett, Jennifer Bertrand, Helena Dettmer, Loren Glass, Chris Goetz, Adam Jaschen, Judith Pascoe  

1. Professor Ana Rodríguez-Rodríguez, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, announced that President Bruce Harreld is scheduled to visit Faculty Assembly at the March 29 meeting. At the April 26 meeting, Faculty Assembly will hear from Provost Butler, receive reports from FA subcommittees, and conduct officer elections for 2017-2018.  

2. The minutes from November 16, 2016, were approved.  

3. Professor David Bennett, Chair, Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences, presented a proposal for an undergraduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science (GIS), previously approved by the CLAS Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. The field of GIS has emerged as a way to capture the world around us in digital forms, with software used in a variety of ways to explore relevant issues. The certificate will comprise 18 semester hours of coursework in the department, however one intermediate-level course may be substituted with an approved computer programming course. Initially the certificate will be offered through on-campus courses, with the intent to offer the certificate online within the next several years. After discussion and questions from the floor, the proposal was approved.  

4. Professors Loren Glass and Stephen Voyce, Department of English, provided information regarding the University of Iowa chapter of American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and its role as an advocacy group representing interests of all teachers in higher education. AAUP is seeking to make connections with faculty on campus and Professors Glass and Voyce are willing to present at departmental meetings or talk with faculty individually about AAUP. They noted several Faculty Assembly subcommittees may want to interface with AAUP, including Role and Status of Lecturers, Free Speech on Campus, and Explore Faculty Unionization. Discussion included possible
changes to tenure and collective bargaining rules by the Iowa legislature, and information about how Faculty Senate and others are working to correct issues so that AAUP might lift its sanction of the University of Iowa.

5. Professor Judith Pascoe, Department of English, presented information about the collaborative project Equity at Iowa, with credit to her main collaborator Wendy Robertson, University of Iowa Digital Scholarship Librarian. She presented several outcomes from the project, for example, showing how recent cluster hire initiatives decreased the ratio of female to male faculty members. Project archives include information on travel award data, presidential salaries and salaries by department. She also answered questions from the floor, including how departments may be able to utilize project information to increase equity.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Assembly