The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

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Minutes
January 23, 2019


Absent (Excused): Alicia Ambler, Alison Bianchi, Margaret Carrel, Tori Forbes, Joyee Ghosh, Blaine Greteman, Anna Malkova, Luis Muñoz, Jane Nachtman, Kendra Strand, Anu Subramanian, Michelle Voss, Darrel Wanzer-Serrano, Frank Weirich

Absent: Octav Chipara, Steve Duck, Sabine Gölz, Palle Jorgensen, Kate Magsamen-Conrad, Susan White

Guests: Jennifer Bertrand, Sue Curry, Russ Ganim, Adam Jaschen

1. The minutes from November 14, 2018, were approved.

2. Russ Ganim, President of Faculty Senate; Professor and Director, Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures; provided an update from Faculty Senate, with a focus on discussing the importance of shared governance. He noted the Big Ten Academic Alliance academic governance conference was held on campus in October 2018, and said Faculty Senate meets regularly with the university president as well as members of the cabinet. He encouraged Faculty Assembly representatives to practice shared governance, for example by meeting with their departmental executive officer about important issues such as faculty hiring. He also responded to questions and concerns from the floor, including discussion of the effectiveness of shared governance in the recent closure of several centers at the University of Iowa.

3. Sue Curry, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, visited with Faculty Assembly. She discussed topics requested by Faculty Assembly officers, including concerns regarding fixed-term faculty needs, retention of faculty of color, and outreach and engagement by the university in light of the recent closure of several UI centers. She also answered questions from the floor including a brief update on the new budget allocation model.

4. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the Faculty Assembly