

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

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Minutes
January 27, 2021

Present: Lori Adams, Aron Aji, Alicia Ambler, Anthony Arnone, Eloy Barragán, Amber Brian, Sergii Bezuglyi, Abigail Castle, Cynthia Chou, Becca Clark, Monica Correia, Stephen Cummings, Kajsa Dalrymple, Pat Dolan, Steve Duck, Lucia Gemmani, Anahita Ghazvinizadeh, Joyee Ghosh, Sabine Gölz, Jean Gordon, Blaine Greteman, Benjamin Hassman, Jennifer Haylett, Ben Hunnicutt, Mio Iovanov, Will Jennings, Megan Knight, Mary Kosloski, Marie Kruger, Gregory Landini, Anna Malkova, Elizabeth Menninga, Kristine Muñoz, Jane Nachtman, Carly Nichols, Bruce Nottingham-Spencer, Robert Peck, Isaac Petersen, Phillip Round, Ronald Rozencohn, Christine Rutledge, Padmini Srinivasan, Glenn Storey, Kendra Strand, Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, Denise Szecsei, Mohammad F. Tehrani, Joyce Tsai, Eric Vázquez, Travis Vogan, Frank Weirich, David Weiss, Marc Wold

Absent (Excused): Art Borreca, Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, Rachel McLaren

Absent: Claudio Margulis, Stephen Warren

Guests: Jennifer Bertrand, David Cunning, Roxanna Curto, Christine Getz, Adam Jaschen, Daniel Khalastchi, Cornelia Lang, Joseph Lang, Luis Martin-Estudillo, Daniel Moore, Roland Racevskis, Michael Sauder, Maggy Tomova, Shaun Vecera, Joshua Weiner

1. The minutes from November 18, 2020, were approved.
2. Cornelia Lang, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, discussed her vision for undergraduate education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, including support for a robust culture of teaching, reestablishing the role and relevance of the CLAS Core General Education Program, and ensuring equity in the undergraduate academic experience. She also reviewed lessons learned from the fall 2020 semester and answered questions from the floor.
3. Bruce Nottingham-Spencer, Associate Professor of Instruction, Department of German, introduced himself as Chair and other members of the recently formed Faculty Assembly Instructional-track Faculty Subcommittee. To begin its work the subcommittee plans to survey instructional-track faculty in CLAS and compare related policies to those at other Big Ten and Iowa Regent institutions.
4. Members of the CLAS Self-Study Committee stated that currently they are collecting data and will start to analyze and synthesize this information soon. They encouraged Faculty Assembly members to provide input to the committee, and noted they will return to a future meeting.
5. David Cunning, Professor and DEO, Department of Philosophy, and Shaun Vecera, Professor, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Co-chairs of the CLAS Strategic Planning Steering Committee, reviewed recent changes to the draft CLAS Strategic Plan and encouraged faculty to attend listening sessions that will be held in the

next two weeks. They will return to Faculty Assembly on February 24 to present the final plan before submission to the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.

6. Mohammad F. Tehrani, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, voiced concerns related to IT security policies on university-owned devices that may prevent faculty from making changes in a timely fashion, such as installing or updating applications needed for research purposes. Other faculty members noted they have experienced similar issues. Faculty Assembly has invited Lance Bolton, CLAS Senior IT Director, to address this topic at the February 24 FA meeting.
7. The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Assembly