The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

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Minutes
March 25, 2015


Absent (Excused): Kung-Sik Chan, Armando Duarte, Joni Kinsey, Sarah Larsen, Barbara Mooney, David Wittenberg


Guests: Jennifer Bertrand, Raúl Curto, Anny Curtius, Helena Dettmer, Michael Hill, Sally Mason, David Ryfe

1. Professor Laura Rigal, Department of American Studies, made a motion to reorder the agenda for today’s meeting to move item #6, Proposal for creation of a CLAS Diversity Committee and reconfiguration of the Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee, to immediately follow item #3, Remarks by President Sally Mason. The motion was seconded and adopted.

2. The minutes from February 25, 2015, were approved.

3. President Sally Mason visited with Faculty Assembly and reviewed her priorities for the next four months prior to her retirement as President. The University of Iowa is strongly positioned in many areas including enrollment growth, quality and rankings of graduate and professional programs, and progress in the $1.7 billion fundraising campaign For Iowa. Forever More: The Campaign for the University of Iowa. In response to questions from the floor, President Mason reviewed how faculty can show support for the University at the state level, including participation in events such as Hawkeye Caucus Day, and discussed desirable characteristics for the next UI President.

4. Professor Michael Hill, Department of English, co-chair of the Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee, presented a proposal from the Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee to amend the CLAS Manual of Procedure to create a new collegiate appointed standing Committee on Diversity. The proposal stems from a desire to articulate exemplary practices and to create a streamlined mechanism and structure of accountability related to diversity in the College. Professor Chris Cheatum, Department of Chemistry, made a motion that the Committee on Diversity should include thirteen voting members, including five members of the Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee, one lecturer, one staff member, one undergraduate student, one graduate student and four other members selected by the Dean’s Office. The non-voting committee chair would be the
associate dean who acts as the College’s Director of Diversity. The motion was seconded and adopted after discussion. Additional discussion regarding the structure of the Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee will occur at the Faculty Assembly 2015-2016 organizational meeting on April 22, 2015.

5. Professor David Ryfe, Director, School of Journalism & Mass Communication, presented a proposal for an undergraduate certificate in Event Planning, previously approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. The certificate is sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Physiology and the School of Journalism & Mass Communication, with elective courses contributed by the Department of Communication Studies and the Department of Marketing in the Tippie College of Business. The certificate is designed to serve the career goals of an increasing number of students who wish to enter the growing field of event planning, and combines experiential learning with academic preparation, giving students both practical and intellectual skills necessary to succeed in the industry. The certificate requires 21 semester hours of coursework with 9 s.h. of core courses, including a newly created 3 s.h. Event Planning Internship, and 12 s.h. of focused electives. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Assembly