The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly
Minutes
March 30, 2016


Absent: Emilie Destruel-Johnson, Melissa Duff, Elena Gavruseva, Brian Gollnick, Philip Kaaret, Kyungmin Kim, Bob McMurray, Amy Poremba, Tlaloc Rivas, Wenfang Tang

Guests: Jennifer Bertrand, Christina Bohannan, Bob Kirby, Downing Thomas, Thomas Vaughn

1. Professor Russell Ganim, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, announced President Bruce Harreld will attend the April 27, 2016, Faculty Assembly meeting, and that the election for 2016-2017 FA officers also will be held that day.

2. The minutes from February 24, 2016, were approved.

3. Associate Provost and Dean of International Programs Downing Thomas presented Vision and Strategic Themes for Internationalization at the University of Iowa, and sought input regarding the plan and future action items. He reviewed initiatives in the areas of Student Success, Creation and Discovery, and Engagement, including becoming a destination school for students seeking a global education, integrating global concepts into curricula for majors, recognizing and rewarding globalization in research for promotion and tenure, and expanding support for UI faculty engaged abroad. He also answered questions from the floor.

4. Director of the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates Bob Kirby reviewed undergraduate research course registrations and noted that 25% of students engage in undergraduate research, but much of this research is not credit-bearing and thus not well-tracked. Utilizing undergraduate research registrations helps faculty document involvement with students outside the classroom, and assists in required reporting to the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. Faculty should ensure students register for all undergraduate research experiences, and may use departmental research courses or University College research registrations, URES Undergraduate Research Experiences. URES:3992:0IND Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects is a 0 semester hour course with no tuition or fees that especially may be useful for summer research when a student is not otherwise enrolled, or if the student is getting paid to conduct research. Credit-bearing URES courses, both letter-graded and S-F graded, also are available.
5. Professor Christina Bohannan, Faculty Senate President, reviewed the new UI Instructional Faculty Policy, approved by Faculty Senate on March 22, 2016. The Faculty Senate convened a Lecturers committee several years ago to review policies related to Lecturers that are under Faculty Senate purview, including promotion status, representation on Faculty Senate, and grievances. Other issues, such as salary, gender equity, workload and resources for professional development are not addressed in the new policy as those areas are under the purview of the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost and/or the Colleges. The newly approved policy applies to faculty members (0.5 FTE or higher) not eligible for tenure who have a primary role in teaching. The initial rank of Lecturer will be preserved, with subsequent ranks of Associate Professor of Instruction or Associate Professor of Practice, and Professor of Instruction or Professor of Practice. Faculty Senate is drafting a supplemental document with additional details regarding promotion procedures for these instructional faculty ranks. She also answered questions from the floor.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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