The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Assembly

Minutes  
March 27, 2019


Absent:  Octav Chipara, Sabine Gölz, Kate Magsamen-Conrad, Jane Nachtman, Travis Vogan, Susan White

Guests:  Jennifer Bertrand, Joe Kearney, Bruce Harreld, Adam Jaschen, Allison Jaynes

1. The minutes from February 20, 2019, were approved.

2. President Bruce Harreld visited with Faculty Assembly. He provided updates on recent searches for the new Executive Vice President and Provost, Vice President for Research, and Associate Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He discussed issues related to campus climate, including the #DoesUIowaLoveMe movement and the university’s response, such as outreach to students by the Vice President for Student Life and interim Associate Vice President and Dean of Students. He requested that faculty consider training on related topics such as having difficult conversations. He reviewed trends from the 2014, 2016 and 2018 Working at Iowa Surveys as they related to CLAS faculty and briefly described the proposed Utility System Public-Private Partnership (P3). He also responded to questions and concerns from the floor about these issues. Comments included the importance of recognizing that faculty and staff of color and those who identify as women, LGBTQ, and/or gender non-binary face discrimination and related negative behaviors by colleagues and others. Faculty also expressed concerns related to fair treatment of neurodiverse students, and barriers students may face in the approval process for disability accommodations.

3. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the Faculty Assembly