The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Assembly

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Minutes  
November 12, 2014


Absent (Excused):  Christopher Cheatum, Warren Darling, Aniruddha Dutta, Amy Poremba, Christine Shea, Marc Wold

Absent:  Amber Brian, Armando Duarte, Melissa Duff, Elena Gavruseva, Kenneth Gayley, Jon Houtman, Paul Kalina, Marc Linderman, Bob McMurray, Yasemin Mohammad, John Prineas, Tlaloc Rivas, Wenfang Tang, Frank Weirich

Guests:  Marc Armstrong, Karmen Berger, Jennifer Bertrand, Jonathan Burke, Raúl Curto, Helena Dettmer, Chaden Djalali, Karen Heimer, Joe Kearney, Kevin Kregel, Christopher Squier, Jon Wilcox

1. Professor Anita Jung, Chair of Faculty Assembly, announced that Faculty Assembly will hold a meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, from 3:30 – 5 pm in 2520D UCC. She requested that any representative unable to attend email Jennifer Bertrand to be listed as an excused absence.

2. The minutes from October 15, 2014, were approved.

3. Dean Chaden Djalali provided a CLAS update. Regarding budget concerns, he stated that tuition revenue is a main component of the College's budget. Last year all colleges except Engineering had lower enrollment; the semester credit hours (SCH) taught by CLAS was two percent lower compared to the prior year. The reduction in SCH could mean a return of approximately $1 million from the College to central administration. The dean has discussed this issue with DEOs and wants departments to monitor SCH and examine possible reasons for lower course enrollments. In the future, he hopes to have additional resources in place to absorb the impact of small fluctuations in enrollment.

Dean Djalali said that he expects a reply from the Office of the Provost regarding the College’s response to the CLAS Review Committee report in late November. He noted that the College already has made some changes recommended by the Review Committee report, such as instituting divisional deans. He announced the creation of two new committees, including a CLAS strategic planning committee, which will formulate a collegiate strategic plan to align with UI’s new strategic plan to be released in May 2015, and a committee to review processes with a goal of streamlining and avoiding
duplication of efforts. He noted that the College has raised $112 million of its $140 million goal in the current fundraising campaign, with two years remaining.

4. Associate Dean for Research & Infrastructure, and the Arts Joe Kearney presented a revision to the CLAS Stipend Supplement Policy. Stipend supplements provide support to faculty awarded prestigious fellowships. The new policy stipulates periods of regular service (i.e., with normal teaching and service load) required

   a) to be eligible for a stipend supplement (at least one year since the previous Career Development Leave and at least two years since end of the previous fellowship supported by a stipend supplement) and
   
   b) to be eligible for a Career Development Award (CDA) (at least two years since the end of a fellowship supported by a stipend supplement).

The stipend supplement will not reset the CDA clock. However, the CDA clock will not advance during the time of the fellowship leave.

5. Associate Provost for Faculty Kevin Kregel reviewed how the Provost’s office interacts with CLAS, including the areas of space utilization, undergraduate curriculum issues, and classroom assignments. In response to questions from the floor, he discussed the status of lecturers, enrollment targets for fall 2015, and funding for colleges based on SCH taught.

6. Professor Karen Heimer, Chair, Department of Sociology, presented a proposal for a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and minor in Criminology, Law and Justice, previously approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. She said the department has had track in Criminology within the Sociology major for several years, offers a significant number of relevant courses, and is seeing increased interest in this area. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

7. Professor Christopher Squier, College of Dentistry, and Director, Global Health Studies Program, presented a proposal for a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Global Health Studies, previously approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. He reviewed the history of Global Health Studies at Iowa, noting the program is one of the oldest of its kind, and said there is significant demand and growth in this area, however only a few universities offer an undergraduate major. After brief discussion, the proposal was approved.

8. Professor Jonathan Wilcox, Chair, Department of English, presented a proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in English and Creative Writing, previously approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. Iowa City is a UNESCO City of Literature and a magnet for writers. The department currently has a Creative Writing track within the English major, but sees demand for a stand-alone major that will combine the best of both English and Creative Writing, with 21 semester hours required in each area, including three levels of writing courses. The department will retain the Bachelor of Arts in English in addition to the new major in English and Creative Writing. The proposal was approved.

9. Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum, and the Humanities Helena Dettmer thanked faculty members for participating in the successful October 25 You@UI recruiting event, which will be held again next fall. Three majors have agreed to offer a three-year degree plan: Communication Studies, International Studies, and Theatre Arts. She noted the Provost’s office has indicated that faculty may teach on Fridays
during summer session; departments should contact Renée Houser in the Registrar’s office to pursue this option.

10. Professor Russ Ganim, Division of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures, Chair of the FA subcommittee on Impacts of Performance-Based Funding, said the subcommittee is planning to meet with Keith Saunders, UI’s State Relations Officer. Professor Bob Cook, School of Music, Chair of the FA subcommittee on the Role and Status of Lecturers noted that his committee will hold its first meeting next week.

11. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Russell Ganim, Division of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures
Secretary of the Faculty Assembly