The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

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Minutes
September 16, 2015


Absent (Excused): Roxanna Curto, Rodica Curtu, Elena Gavruseva, Joni Kinsey, Bob McMurray, Barbara Mooney

Absent: Douglas Dion, Brian Gollnick, Kyungmin Kim, Tlaloc Rivas, Steven Spangler, Wenfang Tang

Guests: Marc Armstrong, Jennifer Bertrand, Jon Burke, Robert Cargill, Erika Christiansen, Anny Curtius, Helena Dettmer, Chaden Djalai, Jenn Haylett, Tyra Nelson

1. Erika Christiansen, Program Manager, Office of Outreach and Engagement, announced the University of Iowa’s spring 2016 theme semester on social justice, Just Living, and encouraged faculty to submit course information, events and feedback at http://justliving.uiowa.edu.

2. The minutes from April 22, 2015, were approved.

3. Dean Chaden Djalali provided a update regarding the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, including information about student success, research initiatives and creative work, outreach and engagement, and budgetary challenges faced by the College. He discussed areas of focus for the upcoming year, including strategic planning, process streamlining, TIER implementation, review of graduate programs, critical facility needs, and completion of the comprehensive fundraising campaign. He also answered questions from the floor.

4. Each Faculty Assembly representative and guest present provided a self-introduction, including name and departmental affiliation.

5. Associate Dean for Graduate and Online Education, and the Social Sciences Marc Armstrong presented a proposal, previously approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, to modify requirements for CLAS certificates. The proposed changes include removing the requirement for interdisciplinarity, and removing the requirement that a baccalaureate degree must be completed in order for a student to be awarded a certificate. After discussion, the proposal was approved.
6. Professor Russell Ganim, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, noted the amendment to the CLAS Manual of Procedure to create a new collegiate standing Committee on Diversity was approved by the entire faculty, Provost and President, and now the Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee must appoint five members to serve on the Committee on Diversity, which will be chaired by Executive Associate Dean Raúl Curto, who is the College’s Director of Diversity.

7. The Chair stated the expectation that each member of Faculty Assembly will serve on a subcommittee during the upcoming academic year. He reviewed subcommittees that were active in 2014-2015 and members of several subcommittees provided brief reports. Suggestions for 2015-2016 subcommittees included Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee, TIER, Shared Governance Structures within CLAS, Role and Status of Lecturers, Family Policies, and Vision and Outreach. The Chair requested that FA members email their preferences for subcommittee assignments and ideas for other subcommittees to Jennifer Bertrand.

8. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Assembly