The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

Minutes
September 20, 2017


Absent (Excused): Ana Llopart, Thomas Oates, Isaac Petersen, Yasmine Ramadan, Ana Rodríguez-Rodríguez, Stephen Voyce, Darrel Wanzer-Serrano, Susan White, Marc Wold

Absent: Palle Jorgensen, Philip Kaaret, Jiyeon Kang

Guests: Marc Armstrong, David Bennett, Jennifer Bertrand, Christina Bohannan, Sue Curry, Andrew Forbes, Christine Getz, Kathryn Hall, Carole Kern, Adam Jaschen, Anna Jensen, Cornelia Lang, Suzanne Malo, Dan Matheson, Roland Racevskis

1. Professor Christopher Brochu, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Chair of Faculty Assembly, introduced the Faculty Assembly officers for 2017-2018.

2. The minutes from April 26, 2017, were approved.

3. Professor Christina Bohannan, College of Law, Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Provost, and chair of the Access and Use of Faculty Data (AUFD) Committee, along with Suzanne Malo, Academic Professional Record (APR) Project Coordinator, shared that the AUFD Committee recently was formed to advise the Office of the Provost on ethical and appropriate use of data collected by the University about faculty. Much of this information is collected through the APR, and they reviewed various use scenarios in Colleges, as well as possible future directions for the APR. They also responded to questions and comments from the floor, including concerns regarding use of FERPA-protected information entered in the APR.

4. Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Sue Curry reviewed her background and first six months in her current position, and answered questions from the floor, including current status of the Cluster Hire Initiative, upcoming changes to the University’s budget model, and the search for a new Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Provost Curry indicated a search for a new Dean of CLAS may not begin until a permanent Provost is in place; there will be an interim dean appointed by the end of the academic year. Generally, a provost search takes 12 months. She has appointed Professor Tom Rice, Academic Director, John and Mary Pappajohn Educational Center, to chair a new committee for the second phase of University of Iowa's 2020 Academic Organizational Structure initiative. The committee currently is being formed with input on membership solicited from shared governance bodies.
5. Associate Dean for Research & Infrastructure, and the Social Sciences, Marc Armstrong provided an update on activities of the ad hoc CLAS 20/20 Committee. In spring 2017, the Committee consulted with faculty and staff groups and in June 2017 met with the Council of Deans ad hoc Committee on UI 2020 Academic Organizational Structure to discuss preliminary ideas regarding CLAS. These included maintaining central collegiate support functions while adding divisional units composed of disciplinarily contiguous programs led by an associate dean (or dean). Dean Armstrong noted the CLAS 20/20 Committee embraces the opportunity to envision and implement organizational change, but that it must be done with full transparency and consultation with all interested and affected parties. Faculty Assembly members discussed ideas for moving forward in light of the information presented at today’s meeting, and its role in being a strong advocate for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Assembly