The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

Minutes
September 18, 2019


Absent (Excused): Monica Correia, Benjamin Hunnicutt, Will Jennings, Megan Knight

Absent: Eloy Barragán, Emilie Destruel Johnson, Tori Forbes, Jane Nachtman, Sang-Seok Yoon

Guests: Loyce Arthur, Jennifer Bertrand, Diana Cates, Robert Cargill, David Cunning, M. Gigi Durham, Steve Goddard, Kathryn Hall, Ashley Howard, Adam Jaschen, Katina Lillios, Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, Tom Oates, Ahmed Souaiaia, Anne Stapleton, Rachel Steil

1. Rachel McLaren, Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies, and Chair of Faculty Assembly, welcomed new members of the Assembly.

2. The minutes from April 24, 2019, were approved.

3. Steve Goddard, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, visited with Faculty Assembly. He discussed that shared values should inform decision making, and his desire to drive excellence and impact through accountability. To this end, he plans for increased departmental autonomy in budgetary and other areas. He will restructure the Dean’s office to support this change by adding Associate Deans for Strategic Initiatives, Arts & Humanities, and Natural, Mathematical, & Social Sciences, and eliminating positions of Executive Associate Dean, Associate Dean for Outreach & Engagement, and Assistant Dean. The College soon will undertake a new strategic planning process to align with University goals, and will have departments do the same, focusing on areas of strength, in part to help attract high-achieving students to destination programs. He also responded to questions from the floor regarding the budget model and how it affects CLAS departments, importance of graduate programs and faculty research, issues surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion, and concerns related to instructional and contingent faculty.

4. Faculty Assembly then briefly discussed the Dean’s office reorganization and concerns related to the importance of collegiate leadership for diversity, equity and inclusion.

5. The meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

Lori Adams, Associate Professor of Instruction, Department of Biology, Secretary of the Faculty Assembly