

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

Minutes
April 26, 2023

Present: Ahmed Souaiaia, Alexei Tivanski, Alicia Ambler, Amber Brian, Andy Owens, Becca Clark, Becky Gonzalez, Ben Hassman, Beth Yale, Bruce Nottingham-Spencer, Carly Nichols, Charles Williams, Chris Veeh, Cynthia Chou, David Dowling, David Gooblar, David Weiss, Denise Szecsei, Dorit Kliemann, Elizabeth Walker, Eloy Barragan, Eric Bush, Eric Vázquez, Frank Weirich, Frederick Slot, Ionut Chifan, Jane Nachtman, Jennifer Rogers, Jennifer Haylett, Jim Duerlinger, John Manak, Joyee Ghosh, Kylah Hedding, Lisa Schlesinger, Marc Wold, Marie Kruger, Miodrag Iovanov, Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, Peng Jiang, R. Eric Stone, Rachel Klevar, Ray Fagenbaum, Rosemary Moore, Roxanna Curto, Sang-Seok Yoon, Sergii Bezuglyi, Sonja Mayrhofer, Thalassa Raasch, William Menefield, Yuan Lu

Absent: Anne Stapleton, Bengi Baran, Christine Rutledge, Ed Gilan, Emily Finzel, Jason Radley, Joy Hayes, Kendra Strand, Lori Branch, Xueyu Zhu

Guests: Andrew Kitchen, Ben Hill, Chris Cheatum, Christine Getz, Cornelia Lang, Elizabeth Tovar, Jennifer Bertrand, Jennifer Eimers, Jill Beckman, Kate Magsamen-Conrad, Katie Linder, Lisa Gray, Elizabeth Kleiman, Liz Mendez-Shannon, Johna Leddy, Julie Rothbardt, Rebecca Tritten, Sara Sanders, Steve Duck, Yasmine Ramadan

1. Minutes from March 29, 2023

Minutes from the March 29 meeting were approved.

2. Meet and Greet, DEI Update

Dr. Liz Tover, Executive Officer & Associate Vice President, Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Dr. Liz Mendez-Shannon, CLAS Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion joined the top of the Faculty Assembly session to provide an introduction of themselves and their roles. In addition, they provided an overview of the current resources available through Dr. Tovar's office and the direct connection that is available with Dr. Mendez-Shannon here in CLAS.

3. CLAS Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP)

Dean Sara Sanders provided a presentation regarding the approach to a revision proposal of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Manual of Policies and Procedures. This work would commence in May of 2023 with the process timeline to occur during the 2023-2024 academic year. Dean Sanders will be engaging with Faculty Assembly throughout the process, with the goal of utilizing members of FA to be part of the focus groups.

4. Revised Undergrad Grading Policies

Cornelia Lang, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and Chair of Undergraduate Educational Policy Curriculum Committee (UEPCC) and Jill Beckman, member UEPCC, Associate Professor and Director, Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures shared with members of Faculty Assembly the revised undergraduate grading policies that were discussed and prepared by UEPCC.

Adjournment of the meeting and start of the 2022-2023 Organizational Meeting

1. Welcome to the newly elected members of the Assembly

Ben Hassman welcomed the newly elected members of the Faculty Assembly for the 2023-2024 academic year. They are:

Group I (Natural and Mathematical Sciences):

Johnna Leddy, Chemistry
Scott Shaw, Chemistry

Group II (Social Sciences)

Frederick Solt, Political Science
Sujatha Sosale, Journalism and Mass Communication

Group III (Humanities)

Yasmine Ramadan, French and Italian

Group IV (Arts)

Andrew Owens, Cinematic Arts

2. Nomination and Elections of new FA officers

Ben Hassman led the nomination and election process for officer elections. Faculty Assembly voted and elected Yasmine Ramadan for Vice Chair and Faculty Assembly voted and elected Elizabeth Kleiman for Secretary.

Candidates for Vice Chair/Chair Elect

John Manak	Professor	Department of Biology
Yasmine Ramadan	Associate Professor	Department of French & Italian, Arabic

Candidates for Secretary

Drew Kitchen	Associate Professor	Department of Anthropology
Elizabeth Kleiman	Associate Professor of Instruction	Department of Computer Science

3. Selection of Faculty Assembly representatives to CLAS Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The process and selection of representatives to serve on the CLAS Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be discussed during the summer by the Faculty Assembly officers.

Adjournment of the organizational meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Finzel, Associate Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences
Secretary of the Faculty Assembly, in absentia