

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Assembly  
Minutes  
March 27, 2024

**Present:** Ahmed Souaiaia, Aixin Tan, Albert Erives, Alexandra Hval, Becca Clark, Becky Gonzalez, Ben Hassman, Bengi Baran, Bruce Nottingham-Spencer, Charles Williams, Chris Veeh, David Gooblar, David Hagan, David Weiss, Deb Trusty, Dorit Kliemann, Elena Gavrusseva, Elizabeth Kleiman, Eric Bush, Eric Vázquez, Erica Prussing, Frank Weirich, Frederick Solt, Gregory Landini, Ionut Chifan, James Wo, Jane Nachtman, Jennifer Rogers, Johna Leddy, Jorge Montilla Moreno, Joy Hayes, Kendra Strand, Kylah Hedding, Melissa Febos, Oguz Durumeric, Paul Kalina, Paula Amad, Rachel Klevar, Ray Fagenbaum, Ron McMullen, Sang-Seok Yoon, Scott Shaw, Sujatha Sosale, Susan Meerdink, Yasmine Ramadan.

**Absent:** Alexei Tivanski, Andy Owens, Bijaya Adhikari, Chris McMillan, Glenn Storey, Inyong Choi, Jason Radley, Lina-Maria Murillo, Sonja Mayrhofer, Yuan Lu, William Menefield.

**Guests:** Ana Rodriguez Rodriguez, Bryan Phillips, Chris Cheatum, Christine Getz, Dana Thomann, Jill Beckman, Katie Linder, Lisa Gray, Monica Correia, Rebecca Tritten, Roland Racevskis, Roxanna Curto, Steve Duck, Tiffany Schier, Trevor Harvey.

**1. Minutes from February 21, 2024 and Announcements**

Chair Yasmine Ramadan opened the meeting asking for approval of the minutes from the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved. Chair Ramadan then shared a couple announcements with the group including an update on the nominating committee and upcoming Faculty Assembly officer elections to take place during the organizational meeting in April. Later in the meeting, Chair Ramadan also shared an update on the Faculty Assembly officers attending a CLAS Executive Committee meeting in March, and then an update.

**2. CLAS Instructional Track Faculty Policy Update, *Bruce Nottingham-Spencer, Associate Professor of Instruction, Department of German; Trevor Harvey, Associate Professor of Instruction, School of Music***

Associate Professor of Instruction Bruce Nottingham-Spencer and Associate Professor of Instruction Trevor Harvey provided an update and presented information on the current committee charge to develop a CLAS Instructional Track Faculty (ITF) Policy update now that the University has revised their policy. A draft of the ITF policy was also shared with Faculty Assembly membership when the agenda was sent out. After the update, Professors' Nottingham-Spencer and Harvey took questions from the faculty assembly membership.

**3. Updates from the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee (UEPCC), *Christine Shea, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish & Portuguese***

No updates this month.

**4. Updates from the Graduate Educational Policy Committee (GEPC), *Bryan Phillips, Professor, Department of Biology***

Professor Bryan Phillips provided an update on the current committee activity in the Graduate Educational Policy Committee.

**5. Update from Executive Committee (EC), Monica Correia, *Professor, School of Art and Art History***  
No updates this month.

**6. Business from the Floor**

Assistant Professor Eric Vazquez posed a question about student absence forms, which sparked a discussion on makeup and absence policies. The possibility of inviting Associate Dean for Education Cornelia Lang to clarify the policies and discuss the matter at future meetings was also discussed.

**Adjournment of the meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kleiman, Associate Professor of Instruction, Department of Computer Science  
Secretary of the Faculty Assembly