

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly
Minutes
November 15, 2023

Present: Ahmed Souaiaia, Aixin Tan, Albert Erives, Alexei Tivanski, Andy Owens, Becca Clark, Becky Gonzalez, Ben Hassman, Bijaya Adhikari, Bruce Nottingham-Spencer, Charles Williams, Chris McMillan, Chris Veeh, Cynthia Chou, David Gooblar, David Hagan, Dorit Kliemann, Elena Gavruseva, Elizabeth Kleiman, Eric Bush, Frank Weirich, Frederick Solt, Glenn Storey, Inyong Choi, Ionut Chifan, Jason Radley, Jennifer Rogers, Johna Leddy, Jorge Montilla Moreno, Joy Hayes, Kendra Strand, Lina-Maria Murillo, Lori Branch, Mary Mayo, Melinda Myers, Naomi Greyser, Oguz Durumeric, Olga Sokratova, Paula Amad, Rachel Klevar, Ray Fagenbaum, Ron McMullen, Sang-Seok Yoon, Scott Shaw, Sonja Mayrhofer, Sujatha Sosale, Susan Meerdink, Thomas Oates, Yuan Lu.

Absent: David Weiss, Elizabeth Walker, Jane Nachtman, Jim Duerlinger, William Menefield, Yasmine Ramadan.

Guests: Bob Cargill, Christine Shea, Cornelia Lang, Doris Witt, Gary Pierce, Kate Magsamen-Conrad, Lisa Gray, Megan Knight, Rebecca Tritten, Roxanna Curto, Steven Hitlin, Tom Koeppel.

1. Minutes from October 11 and October 18, 2023 and Updates

Acting Chair Elizabeth Kleiman opened the meeting asking for approval of the minutes from the October 11th special meeting and the October 18th meeting. The minutes were approved. Acting Chair Kleiman then provided the group with a few updates, including updates regarding the CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure revision proposal, before proceeding with the rest of the agenda items.

2. Updates from the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee (UEPCC)

Christine Shea, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, and member of UEPCC provided Faculty Assembly with an update on recent items that have been discussed and/or approved in UEPCC. Those include a proposal to revise admission requirements for the Social Work BA (approved), Proposal for a new Certificate in Jewish Studies (approved), changes to the English BA and the Creative Writing BA proposing to clarify and streamline requirements (approved), changes to the selective admissions process for two undergraduate programs to be more inclusive (approved), proposal from Department of Spanish and Portuguese to close the Portuguese BA (approved), and discussion that the Religious and Media minor will be closed.

3. Discussion of CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure Revision Proposal

A motion passed to table the discussion of the CLAS Manual of Policy and Procedure Revision Proposal until a future meeting.

4. Best Practices Discussion

Members of the Faculty Assembly discussed a draft document put together by the Faculty Assembly Subcommittee on Shared Governance.

5. Business from the floor

A request was made to have a future discussion about the new app regarding student grades that was recently released: <https://uigrades.vercel.app/>

Adjournment of the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

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