

FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES FOR November 12, 2025

2301 VOX 3:30-5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Tom Arne, Eric Bush, Albert Erives, Aixin Tan

Electoral Group Representatives:

Present: Shawn Flanagan, John Manak, Casey DeRoo, Alex Voss, Frederick Solt, David Dowling, Megan Knight, Yasmine Ramadan

Excused: Scott Shaw, Jonathan Allen

Absent: Steve Duck, Andrew Owens

Elected Committee Liaisons:

Executive Committee: Brian Lai (excused)

UEPCC: Anita Jung (excused)

GEPC: Drew Kitchen (present)

DEPARTMENT	UNIT REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
American Studies/Latina/o/x Studies	Jose Fernandez (Excused)	
Anthropology	Cynthia Chou	
Art, Art History, and Design	Anita Jung (excused)	
Biology	Brandon Waltz	
Chemistry	Bess Vlasisavljevich	
Classics	Rosemary Moore	
Cinematic Arts	Kate Hinshaw	
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Inyong Choi	
Communication Studies	Jordan Conrad	

Computer Science	Peng Jiang	
Dance		Eloy Barragan (Excused)
School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability	Frank Weirich	
English	Adam Hooks	
Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies		Cinda Coggins-Mosher
Health and Human Physiology	Aaron Schneider	
History	Rob Rouphail	
Journalism and Mass Comm	Travis Vogan	
Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (Rep 1)		
Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (Rep 2)	Elena Gavrusseva	
Mathematics	Olga Sokratova	Frauke Bleher
Microbiology and Immunology		Jon Houtman
Music	Jorge Montilla Morena (excused)	
Philosophy	Gabriel Siegel	
Physics and Astronomy	Jane Nachtman	
Political Science	Seongjoon Ahn	
Psychological and Brain Sciences	Dorit Kliemann	Jeffrey Cockburn

Religious Studies	Ahmed Souaiaia	
Rhetoric		Anne Sand
Social Work	Aynsley Scheffert	
Sociology and Criminology		
Spanish and Portuguese	Pilar Marce	
Statistics and Actuarial Science		Joyee Ghosh
Theatre Arts	Paul Kalina	

Minutes

- Agenda Approval (November 12)
- Minutes Approval from last meeting (October 15)
- Reports
 - EC (none)
 - UEPCC: Associate Dean Lang summarized EC's work re: changes to a few degree programs and certificates.
 - GEPC (none)
- Guest Speakers and Q&A

Gwen Archibald, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education and Curriculum

Jonna Higgins-Freese, Senior Director for Information Technology

Cornelia Lang, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

Topic: Digital Accessibility in CLAS
- Some take aways from the presentation and Q&A:
 - Department DEOs, DGS, and DUS have received updates on accessibility.
 - CLAS Technology Service and the Dean's office is coordinating with DEOs to provide information and training sessions to each department.

- Departments with urgent questions re: the accessibility initiative should contact the CLAS Accessibility Taskforce.
 - The recommendation is for faculty to address simpler accessibility issues first, some can be resolved with small actions, such as re-downloading and re-uploading files.
 - This initiative is *not* meant to inhibit curriculum. Faculty who have specific concerns should work with their DEOs and the taskforce.
 - University and CLAS IT are actively looking for solutions to more complex challenges (e.g. they received questions on the possibility of making handwritten lecture notes and ancient maps accessible.)
 - Questions are welcome and should be directed to the Accessibility Taskforce. A QR code was provided for more training opportunities.
 - Slide deck from presentation will be sent to FA membership
- Announcements from the Dean's office:
 - The University's five-year strategic plan is scheduled for an update in 2026. Collegiate plans will be updated too and significant revisions are not expected.
- New Business (None.)
- Meeting Adjourned