

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2017
11:15am ~ 215 Dauer Hall

*Meeting called to order at 11:48am
Meeting adjourned at*

In attendance:

- Theresa Antes (Languages, Literatures and Cultures)
- Alessandro Forte (Geological Sciences)
- Valeria Kleiman (Chemistry)
- Gillian Lord (Spanish and Portuguese Studies)
- Jon Martin (Geological Sciences)*
- Chuck Peek (Sociology and Criminology & Law)
- Betty Smocivitis (History/Biology)

- Courtney Evans (student rep)
- Jonathan Frish (student rep)

*ex officio, Chair of the CLAS Assembly

1. Review of minutes from October regular meeting and two special meetings in November
 - Discussion of UF Gen Ed N (international) requirement
 - All three sets of minutes approved

2. Discussion of Assoc. Dean Sarajedini's departure
 - Lack of real replacement (more responsibility for Assoc. Dean Harfe, redistributed responsibilities among other Assoc. Deans, etc.)
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4. Working groups for UF Quest (Update from V. Kleiman)

- Nothing has happened this semester in terms of working groups meeting
- Timeline may be delayed?
- Some of subgroups are now admin/faculty combined, are waiting for guidance from Assoc. Provost Lindner regarding committee responsibilities

5. Dean Richardson joined the meeting at 12:30, provided comments about what the CLAS Dean's office will be focusing on

- Scheduling, fixing irregularities, making courses more accessible; dean's office is working on exploring what problems there may be
 - All deans received letter from Governor asking colleges (at all SUS institutions) to connect more strongly to state high schools and businesses regarding college
 - University will reply with snapshot of where we are now; CLAS was able to discuss some of our high school interaction programs
 - Connecting to business: alumni events pitched as business conversations, connecting to needs in South Florida, what our students bring to the table and what we can do to make their education to workforce transition better
 - (60% of CLAS graduates go into the workplace)
CLAS will focus on career skills:
Writing
Oral communication
Teamwork
Technical / numerical literacy
 - CLAS will unveil new program in Summer 2017 ("Beyond 120