

CLAS Faculty Assembly

Wednesday, October 24 – Keene Faculty Center – 12:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Chair of the Faculty Assembly, Gillian Lord at 12:02 pm

1. Introduction of members of the CLAS Steering Committee for AY 2014-15
2. Welcome by Interim Dean Dave Richardson, and news concerning CLAS:
 - a. Current status of CLAS:
 - i. 488 tenured / tenure-track faculty, including the Department of Economics, which joined CLAS in AY 2014-15
 - ii. 146 non-tenure track lines
 - iii. Since 2006, a decrease of ~20% in faculty, due to budget restrictions and an inability to hire.
 - iv. At the same time, the number of CLAS majors has decreased by ~2000 students, or 15%. Currently, ~10,750 majors in CLAS. The decrease represents shifting goals and expectations, as a result of the recession.
 - v. This year, 10 preeminence hires, 22 other hires; 32 new hires total.
 - b. Future of CLAS:
 - i. President Machen has reviewed hires for this year, no changes in preeminence clusters' approved for the future. ~10 more preeminence hires are expected for next year.
 - ii. CLAS will make up to 24 total preeminence hires; Dean Richardson expects to complete most hires this year.
 - iii. ~12 other searches have been authorized for the college for AY 2015-16.
 - iv. Informatics Institute (Big Data) – New director has been hired, will join the Department of Statistics.
 - v. Dean Richardson conducted APRs with department chairs in August-September and noted continued excellence in productivity of departments. He is confident that President Fuchs will invest in excellence in CLAS, but stated that he is currently being conservative in allocation of resources, waiting for Dr. Fuchs to arrive and assess.
 - c. Tenure and promotion news:
 - i. 22 individuals received promotion, tenure or both in AY 2013-14.
 - ii. 36 cases have been submitted to CLAS for consideration for AY 2014-15.
3. Minutes from April 2014 meeting approved by acclamation.
4. Introduction of new faculty from the following CLAS departments / centers:

Academic Advising; Anthropology; Chemistry; Classics; Dial Center; Economics; English; Geography; History; Languages, Literatures and Cultures; Philosophy; Physics; Political Science; Psychology; Spanish and Portuguese Studies; University Writing Program

5. Reminder given of the Open-Forum Discussions concerning the CLAS Dean Search: Thursday, Oct. 30, 8:30 am and 5:30 pm, Ustler Hall

Assembly adjourned at approximately 1:05 pm.