

CLAS Faculty Assembly

April 21, 2015 – Keene Faculty Center – 12 pm

Meeting called to order by Dr. Gillian Lord, Assembly Chair, at 12:03 pm

1. **Dean David Richardson addressed the Assembly**; thanked the CLAS Faculty for their patience, wisdom, advice and support during his time as interim Dean, and their work on behalf of UF students.
 - a. Dean Richardson announced that his Goal-setting for CLAS is within the context of goal-setting at UF:
 1. Dean Richardson is on the committee, but not as a representative for CLAS; cannot yet share ideas, processes, etc.
 2. College will be asked to set goals at the same time as the university, will need to be consistent with the university goals. Faculty will have an opportunity to provide input.
 - b. Among these include aspirations for UF to become a leading national university. President Fuchs will address the Faculty Senate at the second meeting in September and share more details.
 - c. CLAS will set up and write a strategic plan; draft due by Jan. 1, 2016. This will be based on input from Fall 2015 (and a reworking of the plan established in 2014).
 - d. Dean Richardson shared principles that will guide him as Dean of CLAS. He shared 8 ‘ways of being’ and 14 goals to guide the College in the future.

2. **Minutes from the Spring 2014 Assembly** were approved by acclamation.

3. **Paul Davenport, Chair of the Faculty Senate**, addressed the Assembly, noting that he was on a ‘listening tour.’

He encouraged all faculty to participate in shared governance at UF. He urged attendance at Faculty Senate meetings, and clarified that non-senators can serve on Senate committees. He announced that Nicole Steadman is the President-elect of the Faculty Senate.

4. **A proposal to amend the CLAS constitution (Article II, Section D.2) was submitted.** Because a quorum of faculty was not in attendance, however, the vote was tabled until a later assembly. View the text of the proposed new wording, and a friendly amendment, here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TmTDnulGX-Lz1Gzf90C1tkpghzlfmads4slgJK62G2I/edit?usp=sharing>

5. **Reports from College Committees**

6. **Curriculum Committee – Wind Cowles, Chair**

- a. GenEd changes were made to all majors

- b. UFO majors were added in Psychology and Anthropology
- c. 4 new certificates were added to CLAS (Sustainable Development Practice – Grad; Medical Anthropology – UG and Grad; Global Islamic Studies – Grad)
- d. The minor in Sociology was reinstated
- e. 47 new courses were approved and 27 courses updated

7. Faculty Council – Ben Smith, Chair

- a. Faculty Council’s main task in 2014-15 was the CLAS Dean search
- b. Additionally, the committee created guidelines for peer teaching evaluation. They looked especially at peer evaluation of online courses.
- c. In 2015-16 the Faculty Council will work on the new strategic plan and goal setting with Dean Richardson.

8. Finance – Susan Gillespie, Chair

- a. Committee looked at how SCHs and numbers of majors was affecting CLAS budget.
- b. Concentrated on trends in numbers of GTAs, OPS budget, declines, etc.

9. Nominating – Helene Blondeau, Chair

- a. Committee gathered nominations for seats in CLAS and Faculty Senate:
 - 1. 33 College Seats
 - 2. 14 Faculty Senate Seats
- b. Nominations close at 4:30 on April 21; voting to follow.

10. Tenure and Promotion – Mike Miamoto, Chair

- a. Committee considered 37 cases:
 - 1. 2 were withdrawn
 - 2. 10 non-tenure
 - 3. 11 Tenure and Promotion
 - 4. 14 Promotion only
 - 5. 1 Tenure on hire

11. Undergraduate Committee – Joe Spillane, Chair

- a. Committee focused on enrollment issues, advising, retention, graduation, success issues.
- b. Introduction of SUS GenEd Core – Grand Challenges Courses
- c. UFO: 6 degrees already offered in CLAS, 2 to come:
 - 1. This represents 50% of UFO degree programs, 25% of students.
 - 2. 50% of inquiries come into CLAS
- d. UF also rolled out the PACE program this year: students who were not admitted residentially can complete 60 hours online and then transition to residential program. Yield of PACE students was low this year -- ~100.

12. CLAS Student Council – Sarah Harper, Student Representative

- a. Students organizing a “Hall of Fame” – recognizes students of CLAS who stand out academically and extracurricularly
- b. Officers of CLAS-C serve on each of the CLAS committees
- c. Creation of a mentorship program will pair lower- and higher-division students. Faculty were encouraged to participate.

Assembly was adjourned at 1:10 pm.