

Minutes - Faculty Council
Wednesday, 16 September, 1:50 pm

In attendance: Sharon Abramowitz (Anthro), Valerie de Leon (Antro), Ido Oren (Poli Sci), Theresa Antes (LLC), Gillian Lord (Span&Port), Hai Ping Chen (Physics), Nina Caputo (Hist), Valeria Kleiman (Chem), Jon Martin (Geol), Betty Smocovitis (Bio&Hist), Khanh Cheu (Grad rep), Lucas Fernandez (Undergrad rep).

Absent: Charles Gatton (Soc.) and Gene Witmer (Phil.)

Ben Smith (Chair CLAS Assembly) called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Gillian Lord nominated Valeria Kleiman; Ido Oren seconded. Valeria Kleiman was elected unanimously.

Valeria opened the floor for discussion of action items for the coming year.

Continuing business

1. CLAS strategic planning.

The council agreed to maintain the subcommittee appointed the 2014-15 academic year to liaison with the Dean about strategic planning: Marta Wayne, Gene Witmer, and Ben Smith.

2. Evaluation of Chairs and Directors

The Council agreed to revisit this issue by reviewing the Academic Policy Council study of evaluation policies throughout the university and the evaluation template produced by the Faculty Council in 2013-14.

New Business

1. Betty Smocovitis proposed a review of policies governing closure dates for online evaluations. Do they vary from department to department? If they do, does this best serve students and faculty?

2. Betty Smocovitis suggested the Council review new CLAS IT policies that prohibit technicians from servicing computers that are not the property of UF.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nina Caputo.