

CLAS Faculty Assembly

Nov. 12, 2015 – Keene Faculty Center – 11:45 pm

Meeting called to order by Dr. Ben Smith, Assembly Chair, at 11:50 am

I. Remarks by Dean David Richardson

Dean Richardson brought four items of interest to the attention of the faculty:

1. Strategic Plan and College Mission:
 - a. A university-wide goal-setting task force met and has published a strategic plan for UF that can be found on the President's website. CLAS and all other Colleges are now charged with developing college-level strategic plans that are commensurate with the university plan, specifically in its focus on education, research, service and outreach.
 - b. CLAS currently accounts for 1/3 student credit hours at UF. Much attention will be given to how we can contribute to addressing the President's goals.
 - c. This work should be done in the near future; Dean Richardson will be putting together a Strategic Planning committee consisting of 10 members, to look at strategies to meet UF/CLAS goals.
2. Diversity issues:
 - a. One liaison will be appointed from each department / unit to help address diversity on campus. The liaisons will not be administrators, but should be leaders in their units (senior faculty, eminent scholars, etc.).
 - b. A steering committee will be created from a subset of the liaisons
3. Communications: Dean Richardson noted a need to rebuild the communications office within CLAS. It will be placed centrally and serve all units.
4. Grant support: A new unit to provide pre- and post- application support will be created within CLAS, located centrally and available to all departments and units.

II. CLAS Constitutional Amendment.

A proposed constitutional amendment and 'friendly amendment' were discussed, changing Article II, Section D.2 of the CLAS Constitution. Following rewording of the friendly amendment, the faculty in attendance voted to approve the new language as follows:

Revised wording:

The Search Committee shall advise the Dean by nominating two to three Chair candidates. **If the Search Committee is unable to nominate more than one candidate, an**

exception to this number may be made by mutual agreement between the Dean and the Search Committee. The Dean's nomination shall be forwarded to the President for approval. If the Search Committee does not concur in the Dean's nomination, then the Committee's dissenting report shall be forwarded to the President along with the nomination made by the Dean.

- III. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the April 2015 CLAS Assembly were approved.
- IV. **Introduction of New Faculty:** New hires in CLAS were introduced by the chairs of their respective departments.
- V. **Old Business:** A question concerning the status of a possible amendment to the CLAS constitution about which faculty have voting privileges was raised. That amendment will be brought to the faculty at the Spring Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned by Ben Smith at 12:20 pm.