

CLAS Faculty Assembly

March 28, 2016 – Keene Faculty Center – 11:45 am

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

1. **Dean David Richardson addressed the Assembly:**

- a. Recognition of Ben Smith's service as Assembly Chair.
- b. Brief report on meeting week prior with other LAS deans from AAU universities to discuss concerns in parallel across universities:
- c. Update on strategic plan task force. CLAS committee is currently working on CLAS strategic plan following the UF template. From this, initiatives that have direct implications for the college will be highlighted. Specific aspirations:
 - i. CLAS will play a leadership role in higher education
 1. All domains – HUM/BSS/NMS
 2. Adaptable, dynamic, preparing students to engage globally
- d. Dean Richardson challenged faculty to evolve as other colleges do, to find new ways to thrive. He indicated a particular focus on the following in the future:
 - i. Undergraduate admissions
 - ii. Enrollment management
 - iii. General education requirements
 - iv. Focus on dual majors
 - v. Increased CLAS support for faculty research: specifically, support for grants, fellowships, preproposals, licenses, etc.
 - vi. Support for outreach concerning research and publications.

2. **Minutes from the Fall 2015 Assembly** were approved by acclamation.

3. **Reports from College Committees**

A. Curriculum Committee

- a. 4 majors and 4 minors were approved in CLAS this year
- b. 4 new certificates were added to CLAS
- c. 25 new courses were approved; others considered and 'recycled' for consideration later, following modifications

B. Faculty Council – Valeria Kleiman, Chair

- a. Two major initiatives in 2015-16:
 - i. Guidelines to the Dean for membership on the Strategic Planning Committee
 - ii. Creation of a Chair Evaluation form, now being tested, with implementation planned for next AY.

C. Finance – Luis Alvarez-Castro, Chair

- a. Survey on factors in CLAS that influence external funding. 113 responses (~ 17 percent), evenly distributed across divisions. Show negative moral re: support received by CLAS and UF.
- b. Report on this survey was received enthusiastically by CLAS Dean's office, with action items determined

D. Nominating – Sean MacDonald, Chair

- a. Committee gathered nominations for seats in CLAS and Faculty Senate:
- b. Nominations close at 4:30 on March 29; voting to follow.

E. Tenure and Promotion – John Yelton, Chair

- a. Committee met 10 times in Fall 2015; considered 34 cases

4. Several proposals to amend the CLAS constitution were submitted. Because a quorum of faculty was not in attendance, however, discussion / vote was tabled until a later assembly.

Assembly was adjourned at 1:00 pm.