

CLAS Spring Assembly

Minutes, 15 April 2024, Keene Faculty Center

1 WELCOME (3:03 PM):

- Assembly Chair Melissa Mellon called the assembly to order at 3:03 and welcomed everyone.
- Approximately 50 persons were in attendance.
- Angela Bacsik made a motion to approve the minutes of the Fall Assembly; Ben Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

2 OLD BUSINESS (3:05 PM):

- There was no old business to consider.

3 STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS, DEAN RICHARDSON (3:06 PM):

- Dean Richardson welcomed everyone to the Assembly. He noted that he had two items to address: 1) Post Tenure Review; and 2) Transfer Student Success. He also noted that he would have speakers addressing each issue.

3.1 POST TENURE REVIEW

3.1.1 Dean's Comments:

- Departments and College working on an accelerated timeline; communication critical
- PTR Committee from the Promotion/Tenure Committee will work efficiently
- Expects most under PTR to be successful.

3.1.2 Mary Watt on PTR, 3:30 pm: (Check name)

- Noted the committee membership of 6 members of PTR committee
- Noted compressed timeline for current group of faculty and the PTR committee
- Role is to provide insight to the Dean; role is to probe strengths and weaknesses of each file, no votes taken
- Took questions from the assembly, which included
 - Selection process
 - Department criteria
 - Timelines for this cycle, noting that chairs may have to write letters without known, approved criteria
 - Chairs' letters are advisory

3.2 TRANSFER STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM

3.2.1 Dean's Comments 3:19 pm:

- Noted successes elsewhere within CLAS, including graduate support and Beyond 120
- Excited to begin working with improving our work with transfer students
- Introduced new hire for transfer student success, Adrienne Provost (CHECK SPELLING AND TITLE)

3.2.2 Adrienne Provost 3:23 pm:

- Opened noting the dismal statistics regarding transfer student success and lack of direct program at UF to recruit and retain.
- Discussed new program, Going Gator
 - Benefits
 - Help support majors (16 identified "to grow")
- Next steps are to develop comprehensive transfer center in CLAS
- Took questions from the Assembly

3.2.3 Closing Remarks, Dean Richardson, 3:38 pm:

- Noted list of 16 majors fluid, want to help units grow

4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE, THOMAS KNIGHT, 3:41

- Primary charge teaching assignments
 - Where releases were happening and why
 - Are course release practices consistent
 - How is team teaching handled
 - How are cancelled courses handled
 - Implemented a survey and follow-up with departments
- Draft report written, with final report to Dean soon

4.2 FACULTY COUNCIL, BRENT HENDERSON, 3:44 PM

- Held two T/P workshops
- Input on chairs/directors survey
- Guidelines for peer teaching evaluations
- More focus on mentoring
- Looking for best practices to boost response rates on course evaluations

4.3 CURRICULUM, LEAH ROSENBERG, 3:47 PM

- Noted the number of course proposals, revisions/modifications, programs
- Reminder to look at guidelines when submitting proposals, including statements for different learning styles with respect to oral participation

4.4 TENURE & PROMOTION, MARK RUSH, 3:50 PM

- Completed 45 P/T courses this year
- Now turning to PTRs

4.5 NOMINATING COMMITTEE, ELENORA ROSSI, 3:51 PM

- Noted where we are good on nominations for Spring elections and offices in need
- Put a call out to the floor for nominations, but none forthcoming
- Will reach out over the next week

5 NEW BUSINESS, 3: 54 PM

No new business.

6 ADJOURNMENT

Assembly Chair Melissa Mellow adjourned the assembly at 3:55 PM AND invited those in attendance to enjoy the reception following.