

Faculty Council Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2021

Dean Richardson's explanation on reversal of background on decision about expert witness by President Fuchs

Important to establish prior to President's decision to reverse, Dean informed them he would be reversing his decision

Background on how events unfolded; reasons behind; clarify few things to understand the events as they developed.

The summary presented was elaborated in detail in the Dean's presentation at the College Assembly on November 15.

Academic freedom is a bedrock principle for the functioning of any university. University should work more diligently to define the expectations for faculty, and we as a college should understand that principle clearly from our perspective.

Task force matter: will review the policy on expert witness by faculty. Public task force is operating in the sunshine. He noted that we and others made clear that CLAS faculty did not have representatives on that task force. Dean suggested this addition to President this was declined. Faculty senate is putting together a resolution for membership and role at the table in this current process. In anticipation, Dean has asked 3 members of our faculty to serve if asked. Names will be sent over to faculty senate to let them know they are ready to serve.

At that point, Dean Richardson exited the meeting.

Trysh—expressed willingness to answer questions, etc.

Ben suggested preference to get together with Robin for another meeting with Dave.

Selman—Monday Class Assembly meeting and chance to address questions there but thinks it would be good for us to meet with Dave.

Trysh— Suggested that we go to Assembly and see what questions are asked.

Dan- is CLAS Assembly being recorded? Selman, yes and will make an announcement to that effect

Trish—is there an opportunity for people to submit questions in advance. Selman-initial announcement had a link to Qualtrics survey to submit questions.

Decision to follow up after Assembly to touch base again with Richardson and Travis

Return to regular Council business

Ben—

1)October minutes: Motion to approve by Molly and seconded by Stephanie

2)Reminded us of what we were supposed to do

- 1) Hold T and P workshops in Jan, 2) revisit evals for chairs and directors and associate deans,
- 3) language of posthumous promotion 4) whether someone from Diversity/Inclusion will join us again. 5) grad student funding

3) Brief set of remarks about our goals, priorities this year to present to Council
Routine things we're working on; academic freedom issue that leads into our resolution