

Faculty Council 18 April 2022

Present:

BS - Ben Smith

DR - Dave Richardson

DC - Daniel Contreras

JP - John Palmer

TB - Tom Bianchi

SH - Selman Hershfield

RB - Rori Bloom

MG - Molly Gardner

AY - Alex York

SB - Stephanie Bogart

Last month's minutes unanimously approved.

BS: Continuity for next year? TB, MG, and AY are the only returnees for next year. SB running for another term.

- Asks TB, AY, and MG to serve on grad funding subcommittee for next year on order to maintain some continuity.

BS: Group of CLAS faculty are working on coordinating hosting of Ukrainian scholars. FC can/should support that effort as possible.

DR: BoT is meeting this month with every college dean; each dean makes a ~15 min presentation to educate board members about issues critical for their colleges and for university more generally, particularly with issues of resources/support for colleges.

DR plans to make 3 points to BoT:

- BoT wants to know about academic reputation/rankings/metrics, etc. Across AAU nationwide, almost all CLAS units are in middle two quartiles with highest quartile largely dominated by immensely well-funded private institutions.
- Staff recruitment/retention/financing; need to be more competitive. Need for an 'academy' to staff university w/o having various units of university competing against one another.
- Graduate funding
- Faculty career progress depends on research feasibility and that often involves remote sites: archives, field sites such as archaeological, marine, etc. We need more resources for that.

SH: Need for training of competent/motivated Gainesville locals in research admin skills.

BS: Possibility of partnering with Santa Fe College?

BS: Closes meeting and thanks FC members for serving.

