

Fall 2022 CLAS Faculty Assembly

Minutes

1 November 2022

Keene Faculty Center

Submitted by Dr. Suzanne Robbins, Secretary to the CLAS Faculty Assembly

1 CALL TO ORDER & CHAIR'S WELCOME:

Dr. Stephanie Bogart, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, called the meeting to order at 2:32, introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the Fall Assembly. Approximately forty-five (45) persons were present.

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SPRING 2022 ASSEMBLY

Ben Smith made a motion to approve minutes, with Andre Caloiaro seconding. The minutes were approved unanimously via voice vote.

3 UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES

- Faculty Council – Dr. Brent Henderson:
 - Briefed on role of the council
 - Focusing on teaching peer review process and junior faculty mentoring, career readiness for undergraduates, and academic freedom.
- Finance Committee – Dr. Tarek Saab
 - Primary focus: graduate student stipends and workload
- Curriculum Committee – Dr. Jamie Garner
 - Discussion of permanent course requests and pre-requisites for all 3000 level courses
- Undergraduate Coordinator/Advising: Dr. Youssef Haddad
 - Introduced new director, Dr. Gillian Lord
 - Working to standardize a model semester plan for all majors
- Tenure and Promotion Committee: Dr. Susan Hegeman
 - Noted that they had 73 promotion packets, double that of the previous fall
- Constitution Committee: Dr. Michael Martinez
 - Noted the passage of the amendment last Spring, but out a CFP for any new amendments
- Nominating Committee – Dr. Andrea Caloiaro
 - 23 open seats for nomination, with CLAS (18) and Faculty Senate (5)
 - Called for nominations

4 ADDRESS TO THE FACULTY, DR. DAVID RICHARDSON, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dean Richardson gave a warm welcome to the faculty, introduced new associate deans and new faculty. He noted the International Student Association with a note of appreciation to those who make our international students feel welcome. His address focused on Academic Freedom, Inclusivity and Four Things for which he is Thankful.

He noted that academic freedom is a bedrock principle and that it's important that faculty are able to take on controversial subjects and the college will defend academic freedom in the classroom.

The college is working on inclusive excellence. The Chief Diversity Officer is developing a strategic plan to honor every member of the UF community. Thanked the CDO for her recruiting visibility with respect to graduate students.

Dean Richardson noted that he is thankful that a liberal arts education is thriving at the University of Florida, the initiatives to promote career readiness and experiential learning, the success of the giving program that is coming to a close, and for all the CLAS faculty.

5 NEW BUSINESS

New faculty joining the college introduced themselves.

Stephanie Bogart adjourned the Assembly at 3:04 pm, at which point the reception began.