

# Fall 2023 CLAS Faculty Assembly

Minutes

7 November 2023

Keene Faculty Center

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

## 1 CALL TO ORDER & CHAIR'S WELCOME:

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Dr. Melissa Mellon, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, called the meeting to order at 3:03, introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the Fall Assembly. Approximately forty-seven (47) people were present.

## 2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SPRING 2023 ASSEMBLY

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The minutes were approved unanimously via voice vote.

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

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Dean Richardson gave a warm welcome to the faculty. His address focused on transitions, education, and research.

Dean Richardson noted that the university was in a period of transition with respect to the new administration and new state laws, creating uncertainty. It's the intention of the university to navigate this transition and remain a top research and instructional university.

He noted the importance of expanding experiential research for undergraduates. The university expects to invest in expanding initiatives beyond current opportunities. He also discussed protecting graduate education as well as finding ways to maintain and meet our obligations to graduate students, including those on assistantships.

Dean Richardson noted the initiatives from the president's office intended to increase the research profile of the university.

## 4 UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES

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- Faculty Council – Dr. Brent Henderson:
  - Statement on Academic Freedom finalized and published.
  - Setting up more T & P workshops.
  - Will be reviewing chairs, directors, and associate deans.
  - Working on best practices for faculty to increase response rates on Gator Evals.
- Curriculum Committee – Dr. Jamie Garner

- Noted several new course proposals/modifications the committee is reviewing.
  - Working on better syllabi rubrics for attendance/participation
  - Request that faculty follow guidelines when submitting proposals.
- Undergraduate Coordinator/Advising: Dr. Greg Moreland
  - Focused on general process issues.
- Nominating Committee – Dr. Eleonora Rossi
  - Called for nominations for the Spring elections with an emphasis on T & P and Finance
- Tenure and Promotion Committee: Dr. Mark Rush
  - Noted that they had roughly 50 promotion packets.
- Finance Committee –Dr. Thomas Knight
  - Examining faculty assignments with respect including
    - Large enrollment courses
    - Standard practices
    - Research/grants

## 5 NEW BUSINESS

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New faculty joining the college introduced themselves.

Melissa Mellon adjourned the Assembly at 3:40 pm, at which point the reception began.