

CLAS Faculty Council Minutes, 4/26/23

Present: Brent Henderson, David Richardson, Marit Ostebo, Adrienne Strong, Molly Gardner, Stephanie Bogart, Tarek Saab, Thomas Bianchi

Commenced: 3:02 p.m.

1. Minutes from March meeting approved
2. Update from mentoring committee. The next T&P workshop will be held on Monday May 1st.
3. Best Practices for Peer Teaching Evaluations. Stephanie Bogart presented the document, which was approved with minor revisions.
 - a. Each CLAS unit is encouraged to include a point about peer evaluations in their bylaws and to make the Best Practices guidelines easily accessible.
 - b. The guidelines will be added to CLAS' Tenure and Promotion webpage.
4. Next year's agenda.
 - a. The evaluations of Associate Deans and Department Chairs is the responsibility of the CLAS Faculty Council. It needs to be updated and a standing sub-committee must be established.
 - b. Student evaluations. The number of students who complete the evaluations have dropped significantly. What can we do to increase the evaluations? What are best practices to incentive students to complete them?
 - c. Post-Tenure Review. The bill has not yet been signed, but is likely to pass. According to Dean Richardson a separate committee for the PTR will need to be established.
5. Other updates
 - a. The CLAS statement on Academic Freedom was presented to CLAS assembly. It was approved with no discussion, and will soon be posted on the CLAS website.
 - b. Brief update on the current status of the HB 999 and DEI
 - c. Update on the TA/RA comparison survey with other universities