

Minutes- CLAS Faculty Council

October 8, 2019

In attendance: Stephanie Bogart, Andrea Caloiaro, Nina Caputo, Christina Davis, Aida Hozic, Valeria Kleiman, Tarek Saab, Martin Sorbille, John Jordi

Meeting chaired by Andrea Caloiaro

Called to order at 12:45pm

Update on Faculty Council Documents

- Contacted Ken Shallot about using Sharepoint for faculty council
- There is an existing Canvas shell created for this purpose a few years ago.
- Valeria CCed current council members to the Canvas shell

Agenda for mtg: Campus Tours, Center for Gender Studies, Evaluation of Assoc. Deans, Student Evaluation Instrument.

Campus Tours

- Contacted Charles Murphy (Ast VP for Alumni Relations) will visit on Nov 12
- Mon Oct 14, 4pm: Chance to meet with consultants "Render Experiences"
 - They plan to audit 2 sessions, hold meetings w/ students
- Make recommendations based on best practices
- Aida will attend the mtg, possibly also Andrea
- Questions:
 - How do they prioritize aspects of the tour
 - How do they measure success
 - What do they want to accomplish with the tours
- CLAS doesn't have an exclusive tour of its own like some other colleges. Might lift the pressure of cramming "academics" within a walking campus tour.
- Tours need to verify conflicts with regularly scheduled campus maintenance work

Gator Evals (John Jordi present)

- Questions of how to increase student response rates
 - Grades release "may" be delayed by 10 days contingent on a minimum participation level
 - Response rate ~65% over the summer, compared with GatorRater of ~ 40%
 - Policy on incentive: Cannot impact grades by more than 1%.
 - Question of flexibility on the timing and content of the midterm evaluation.
 - Discussion on the list of suggested "meaningful" responses.
 - Discussion of mechanism to implement faculty feedback to the content of the tool
 - Suggestion should go to Dr. Chris Haas
 - Concerns that some decision/feedback by CLAS faculty council in April 2019 appear to not have been implemented

Center for Gender and Sexuality

- Proposal already evaluated and endorsed by Faculty Council and Curriculum Committee
 - Christine will post the proposal as part of the fall assembly meeting
 - Will organize a vote by end of the academic year
 - Andrea will contact the Faculty Senate to put it on their docket & request for approval.
 - Aim for a late January vote to allow time for material to be circulated and digested, or open the voting in December and leave it open till late January.
 - Ask Dean Richardson to present it as an informational item at the Chairs and Directors meeting.
- Andrea to discuss Faculty Council concerns re. Evaluation tools with Dean and suggest he email Chris Haas endorsing the recommendations of the Council.