

# SPRING 2021 CLAS Faculty Assembly

## Minutes

5 April 2022

Online via Zoom

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

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

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Dr. Selman Hershfield, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, called the meeting to order at 4:02, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Spring Assembly. Sixty-eight (68) persons were present.

## 2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SPRING 2021 ASSEMBLY

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Selman Hershfield made a motion to approve minutes, with Ben Smith seconding. The minutes were approved with 44 ayes and 6 abstentions.

## 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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Dr. Michael Martinez introduced an amendment to the CLAS Constitution. The amendment's goal is to streamline language regarding directorships for centers, institutions, and programs to clarify meaning. It also adds participation from faculty. With no questions, the amendment was added to the upcoming spring ballot.

## 4 UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES

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- Student Reps: VP Class Student Council Lea Schwartz
  - briefed the assembly of their activities with respect to their main committees (academic, operations, outreach, diversity).
- Finance Committee – Dr. John Palmer
  - Developing recommendations for reallocation of base OPS allocations.
  - Finalizing report and recommendations for the Dean.
  - Discussed decision making process and cutback recommendations.
  - Took questions:
    - Graduate student work profiles available from Dean McCarty
    - Base stipend set in 2017 for grad students; may need to revisit
- Curriculum Committee – Dr. Konstantina Christodouloupulu
  - Noted there were 45 new course approvals, with 110 course modifications
- Diversity and Inclusion – Dr. Eleni Bozia
  - Working on embedding principles of in teaching, research and service
  - Mission statement developed, made changes to bylaws and delineated role of liaisons
  - Worked on best hiring practices, training sessions and centralizing online resources
- Faculty Council – Dr. Ben Smith:

- Posthumous tenure proposal finalized at Faculty Senate
- Announced College T & P sessions
- Noted progress of working title changes for instruction intensive faculty
- Working on budgeting/proposals to increase investment in graduate training
- Nominating Committee – Dr. Andrea Caloiaro
  - 31 open seats in CLAS (20) and Faculty Senate (11)
  - Need additional nominees with T&P a priority
  - Took nominations from the floor

## 5 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, and an especially warm welcome to the student council representatives. He spoke in support of shared governance. His address focused on the work of the college, particularly the strategic plan.

In terms of preparing students for a global future, the Dean noted improving oral presentation skills and data literacy. He also noted the importance of recruiting a more diverse student body. Finally, the discussed the importance of experiential learning without concern for economic need.

Noted the need to stabilize and grow graduate education through predictable, stable graduate support.

Noted goals with sustaining and enhancing faculty preeminence, increasing sponsored research funding. He discussed the need to improve research service across the college. Finally, noted the need to help incorporate DEI into teaching in light of HB7.

Finally, noted the efforts to renew and modernize infrastructure, including physical, administrative, and technological.

He closed noting the support for the title change for instructionally intensive faculty and working with the new dean for graduate student programs.

He introduced the new Asst. Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Gillian Lord.

There were no questions.

## 6 NEW BUSINESS

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Short discussion on the statewide ideological survey of faculty and students. Concerns included quality, survey design and IRB review (none).

Selman Hershfield adjourned the Assembly at 5:11.