

## COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 29, 2024

### Report from the dean: Stephanie Hartwell

- CLAS depts. are working on their strategic plans.
- CLAS research group discussed ICR and start-ups with DORI, changes may be coming
- UG research symposium on Nov. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. Students present posters on their research. \$5,000 of awards to be distributed.
- Portfolio program is being discussed and might be placed on students' transcripts once completed.
- Pilot program is being discussed for a different out-of-state tuition rate for master's programs.
- **Ph.D. credit reduction:** On Oct. 23, the Board of Governors approved reducing the minimum number of credits for a Ph.D. from 90 to 60. Minimum dissertation credits drop from 30 to 18 and the minimum coursework (didactic) credits drop from 60 to 42. Programs are not forced to make any changes unless they want to. There is a one-time opt-in to automatically reduce dissertation credits to 18. Graduate program directors and chairs have been sent the information – opt-in by Nov. 8. For coursework changes, departments need to submit for CLAS approval by Nov. 12 to guarantee it will be in next year's Bulletin or Jan. 9 to be approved in time for fall 2025 (but not in Bulletin).
- CLAS Curriculum Committee being modified to review the Ph.D. changes to the programs regarding the reduction of credit hours, opt in by Nov. 8.
- Grant Writing Workshop (life sciences) any faculty whose research is related to the life sciences can participate. Those who take part and submit a grant within a year get a \$1,000 stipend. Nomination forms have been sent to department chairs and are due Nov. 22. Workshop will take place on Fridays from 12 to 2 p.m. in winter 2025. Facilitators: Susie Brummelte (psychology), Paul Burghardt (nutrition and food sciences), and Miriam Greenberg (biology).
- Development raised \$10 million and CLAS goals reached, capital campaign will be coming soon.
- Search for CLAS recruiter replacement is currently being done.
- All of the faculty new hires are on the webpage at [provost.wayne.edu/new-faculty](http://provost.wayne.edu/new-faculty).
- College to Career: CLAS collected proposals for this initiative and submitted four to the provost's office with the possibility of \$10K award.

## Report from the Graduate Council: Chris Kelly

- Ph.D. dissertation of credit hours changes are being currently worked on.
- GRA needs being discussed regarding: policies for academic leaves and appeals policy, immigration and full time status for students on leave, needs for clarity and timeliness for these issues/and processes.
- Discussion of AI and how it is being used/or not in the classroom, teaching and research, etc. A new rule starting in January.
- Interdisciplinary neuroscience in research and education program housed in EACPHS. There is an ad-hoc committee in the academic senate task force.

## Report from the Faculty Council: Pramod Khosla

- Number of CLAS P&T cases this year are 20.
- Workload policy is being discussed, to include research, teaching, service and mentoring.

## Report from the Academic Senate: Pramod Khosla

- Police oversight committee – procedures for filing complaints, language is being reviewed for the policy.
- Foreign policy is being reviewed and nearly completed regarding federal requirements.

## Matters arising

- Recruitment for master's and Ph.D. student candidates. Are there any funds available for this initiative? The CLAS recruiter will be involved with the departments for this endeavor.
- Prosperity Agenda was mentioned with the notion that CLAS will not be included in this endeavor. CLAS works with DORI to have included: student mobility, alumni data sources being reviewed and research thrust areas based on survey (health disparities and inequities, environmental health, data science and AI, mental and cognitive health, social justice and social inequities, mobility, educational disparities).

## Next meetings

Community Room, 3rd floor UGL:

- Dec. 11 @ 2–3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25 @ 2–3:30 p.m.
- Apr. 22 @ 2–3:30 p.m.