

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2, 2023

Members present: Larry Lombard, Smiti Gupta, Jeff Grynaviski, Leisa Kauffmann, Eric Kessell, Christopher Trentacosta, Yuson Jung, Andrew Newman, Eric Ash, Pramod Khosla, Robert Harr, John Klein, Alina Cherry, Ed Golenberg, Zach Brewster, Fernando Charro, Ty Partridge.

Absent: Hien Nguyen.

Attending: Claudio Verani, Lori Pile, Stephanie Hartwell, Jennifer Wareham, Caroline Brzuchowski, Brad Roth, Brad Smith, Zhi-Feng Huang, Ed Cackett.

- Approval of February 2, 2023 meeting minutes voted and approved
- Approval of items from the curriculum committee:
 - Public affairs B.P.A., voted and approved
 - Forensics and investigations minor, voted and approved
 - · Criminal justice minor, voted and approved
 - Biomedical physics B.S., voted and approved

Dean's Report

Open House is March 4. Science Olympiad – March 4.

Transformations Conference Dept. of Anthropology Graduate Student Org – March 4.

Remote days vs. snow days: Discussion on an official policy, remote means remote, the policy is confusing for the faculty, students, and staff, the official announcements are coming out late, the dean will get clarification from the provost

Flat rate tuition (block scheduling): Students can graduate sooner and more student success, and it doesn't affect their financial aid, late start courses will be considered, courses with special topics and then these courses have to go through the normal process of curriculum committee, then FC (check on an option of giving all incompletes to the students in courses not doing well).

Claudio and the dean will send out soon in February, faculty request for proposals (mini grants), on the topic of social justice, course development (block scheduling), pilot programs for social justice research grants, one-time funds for this initiative, monies to be awarded this fall term.

CLAS budget hearing on 3/23

- BAO interviews have taken place
- 25 paid interns to become coaches (Helping Kids Go To School), to help with high absentism in the DPS
- Paid internships for faculty courses, and field trips are still available



- Development is working with the departments on their un-awarded scholarships to have them distributed, there are 65 awards to be given out
- Academic Program Reviews are going on
- Sabbaticals have been confirmed, and the departments have been informed
- Tenure track hires are currently being interviewed
- Budget cuts may happen next fiscal year
- Humanities Commons event to happen end of August/beginning September
- We have a new CLAS recruiter, Erica Searcy

Smiti Gupta: CLAS Elections are happening now, there is a CALL FOR NOMINATIONS still a need for all committees until 3/23

Lori Pile: Math placements exams will be proctored. Cannabis Chemistry certificate was not approved by the General Counsel. The chemistry dept. will make some revisions, more minors and certificates are being proposed by CLAS faculty (needs to be reviewed and thought about more strategically, and have criteria as guidelines). FC should make a separate committee for review of minors and certificates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.