

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Members present: Larry Lombard, Smiti Gupta, Gil Paz, 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.

Attending: Claudio Verani, Lori Pile, Stephanie Hartwell, Caroline Maun, Ken Jackson, Pei-Yong Wang, Catherine Lebieczik, Jaime Goodrich, Lisa ZeWinters, Caroline Brzuchowski.

Approval of September 1, 2022 FC meeting minutes – voted and approved motion.

Approval of items from the curriculum committee: Lori Pile

- Changes to the Math Ph.D. program – some modifications to be made and tabled for Dec. meeting (clarify the language regarding the qualifying exam and course work required). The department will provide a separate document to explain the rationale for these changes
- Changes to the English B.A. program – voted and approved motion

Update on transfer students and waiver of minor requirement update: Lori Pile

- Two items distributed regarding the special meeting, currently on a moratorium for waiving any minor requirements for the two programs that we articulation agreements with
- There are not any new transfer programs that are currently being reviewed with community colleges for the next term.
- FC will be reviewing the minor requirements at a later date when there is sufficient amount of data

College factors for teaching faculty: Ken Jackson

- A discussion on department and university factors happened, the university and department factors will be used for promotion/tenure, instead of using college factors. FC had a motion to use the university factors at present and revisit this in a year – motion made and approved

Presentation on credit hours/dashboard: Robert Harr

- Retention and graduation rates were discussed especially in the Dept. of Physics by reviewing the dashboard data in the OIRA website, especially how many credit hours it

takes a student to graduate over the 120 minimum. (Slides were already sent to the Council)

Dean's Report

- Draft of the strategic plan is completed
- Honorary degrees are being reviewed by the university committee (CLAS submitted three nominations)
- Open House and resource fair – all departments are expected to participate in the future
- CLAS has completed 85% of its assessment tasks
- CLAS researchers received \$450,000 to help boost research productivity thanks to the college's [Mid-Career Fund for Research Infrastructure and Development](#). The funding aims at addressing a gap in funding for research-active faculty in the humanities, life, social and physical sciences
- In addition to internal support, CLAS faculty were recently awarded 32 federal grants worth more than \$7 million

- The Department of Chemistry celebrated the [inaugural event of the Bettye Washington Greene Endowed Memorial Lecture Series](#) on Oct. 28. The series honors the legacy of chemistry alumna Dr. Bettye Washington Greene, a leader in the field of polymer chemistry and the first African American woman with a Ph.D. in chemistry to be hired by Dow Chemical Company. The event featured a lecture and panel discussion that allowed students to network with successful professionals in research-based fields. Executives from Dow joined us for the day and offered a \$10,000 gift to support undergraduate research in chemistry

- CLAS's partnership with the Michigan Science Center continues to flourish. In October, WSU faculty began presenting hands-on activities once a month at the museum. In addition, this month WSU students will enjoy an exclusive game night at the center complete with arcade games, virtual reality machines and e-sports

- Five relay teams comprised of [25 CLAS faculty and staff participated in the Detroit Free Press Marathon](#) on Oct. 16. The group ran as five separate relay teams and two teams came in first in the men's and women's master relay divisions

- Wayne State University redshirt senior linebacker and psychology major Julius Wilkerson has been selected as one of [15 national finalists for the National Football Foundation's William V. Campbell Trophy](#). The William V. Campbell Trophy is presented annually to the top football scholar-athlete in the nation. Wilkerson is the first WSU football player in 104 years to be honored as a finalist

- The Wayne State University Planetarium and Department of Physics and Astronomy partnered with the Belle Isle Nature Center for a free community event on Oct. 21. [Observing the Night Sky](#) allowed the public to observe Jupiter, Saturn and the

stars through a variety of telescopes and binoculars while WSU Planetarium staff gave presentations on constellations

- The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Program hosted International Wrongful Conviction Day on Oct. 4. The event welcomed three exonerees to campus to discuss their experiences of being wrongfully convicted.
- Through an ongoing partnership with the nonprofit Pure Heart Foundation, CLAS recently hosted the organization's inaugural [Breaking The Cycle Youth Summit](#). The "Future Warriors" event invited more than 120 children impacted by parental incarceration, known as Pure Heart Scholars, and their families to campus for roundtable empowerment sessions, panel discussions and more. The panel featured local influencers, WSU representatives and Detroit Lions Defensive End Charles Harris. Panelists discussed mental health, influence, how to maximize positive exposure and opportunities and, most importantly, how they individually broke the cycle.

CLAS recently celebrated [this year's Corvias Scholars](#), both of whom are CLAS Warriors. Psychology major Brea Hartsfield and political science major Nicole Wallace will each receive \$6,250 per semester, for a total of \$12,500 for the academic year. The scholarship program is made possible by an endowment established by Corvias to support students financially as they pursue their higher education degrees.

Wayne State University's Department of Mathematics recently hosted the [Great Lakes Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics conference](#) with over 130 participants from across the globe. The overwhelming attendance marked this the largest Great Lakes regional meeting ever. The conference was also the first large-scale event to be held in person since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. WSU was honored to welcome back former College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Wayne M. Raskind as one of the keynote speakers.

In April 2022, [Wayne State University and the University of Windsor were designated as a new United Nations Regional Centre of Expertise \(RCE\) on Education for Sustainable Development](#) in the Detroit-Windsor region. This month, [CLAS hosted colleagues from the University of Windsor](#) for an initial in-person meeting.

CLAS DEI committee met and discussed at length how to assist students with disabilities, only 7% identified as students with needs.

Claudio Vernai

- Humanities Commons is taking a bit longer than expected, we will have an inaugural event
- Had 41 grant proposals submitted and 32 received grants
- FP&M are undergoing interviews for the two senior director positions