

## **FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 5, 2019**

Members Present: Zachary Brewster, Avis Vidal, Bradley Smith, Victor Figueroa, Yuson Jung, Fatih Celiker, Lara Jones, Aaron Retish, Larry Lombard, Lisa Ze Winters, Edward Golenberg, Lori Pile, Christopher Trentacosta, John Klein, Karen Marrero, Smiti Gupta, Charles Parrish

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Heather Dillaway, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Ratna Naik, Claudio Verani, Ken Jackson, Kimberly Hunter

Absent with Notice: Charles Klahm

The meeting was called to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the November 07, 2019 meeting were approved. Heather Dillaway and Kimberly Hunter spoke of the proposed changes to the BS in Biological Sciences, which were approved.

Ratna Naik and Caroline Brzuchowski spoke of the ongoing need for more faculty to run for committees. The lack of candidates leads to a lack of alternates when vacancies arise. Brzuchowski noted that the Merit/Salary committee has a vacancy in the Humanities division that must be filled by a faculty member from Philosophy.

Stephanie Hartwell spoke of her concern over the lack of continuity between and among various departmental, college, and university committees. She sees little overlap in faculty governance, leading to a decreased understanding of what is happening at various levels.

There was a motion to distribute Faculty Council minutes to faculty, academic staff, and chairs, as a way to increase understanding of the council's activities. The motion was approved.

Hartwell noted that Ken Jackson would be overseeing another CLAS incentive offer to encourage faculty to offer more online courses. The award would be \$1,000. Charles Parrish wanted to make sure that such an award would not make the course work-for-hire. Jackson said a statement would be included making clear that such awards do not make the teaching of these online courses work-for-hire.

Hartwell also noted that the CLAS diversity committee would soon meet and that CLAS teaching awards would be given out at the CLAS holiday party on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

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Aaron Retish said that beta testing had begun on getting course syllabi and course descriptions in the schedule of classes.

Claudio Verani spoke of the ongoing space issues in State Hall, saying that there is hope that work will be completed by mid-2020.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.