

College of Arts and Sciences College Assembly
Thursday, February 22, 2018
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Bobet 332

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Biological Sciences –Rosalie Anderson
Chemistry and Biochemistry – Christine Heinecke, Qian Qin, C.J. Stephenson
Classical Studies –Karen Rosenbecker
Criminology and Justice –Christian Bolden, Kelly Frailing, Rae Taylor
English –Sarah Allison, John Biguenet, Hillary Eklund, Danny Mintz, Chris Schaberg, Mark Yakich
History –Mark Fernandez, Fr. Gerlich, Eric Hardy, Ashley Howard, Behrooz Moazami, David Moore, Justin Nystrom
Jesuit Social Research Institute –Fred Kammer
Languages and Cultures –Eileen Doll, Nathan Henne
Mass Communication – Leslie Parr
Mathematical Sciences –Omar El-Khatib, Xuefeng Li, Scott McDermott, Ralph Tucci, Karen Villarreal
Philosophy –Joe Berendzen, Joel MacClellan, Connie Mui, Jonathan Peterson
Physics –Armin Kargol
Political Science – Sean Cain
Psychological Sciences –Chuck Nichols, Enrique Varela, Evan Zucker
Religious Studies – Terri Bednarz, Timothy Cahill, Anne Daniell, Adil Khan, Ed Vacek
Sociology – Marcus Kondkar, Jaita Talukdar
Teacher Education – Glenda Hembree
College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office – Maria Calzada, Uriel Quesada
Student Representative - Aidan Cooper

I. Call to Order

The assembly was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Dean Maria Calzada in Bobet 332.

II. Invocation

Dr. Jonathan Peterson of the Department of Philosophy gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 meeting; it was seconded, a vote was taken and the minutes were approved with 1 abstention.

IV. Announcements

1. Introduction of Brent McLemore - Career Development Center

Dean Calzada introduced Brent McLemore, Assistant Director and Career Coach for Science, Technology, and Health for the Career Development Center. Brent said that he will work with our college on helping students to pursue a plan for internships, graduate schools, and jobs. Student resources will include workshops and individual coaching to help students find careers. More information can be found on the Career Development Center website.

2. 2018 Faculty/Staff Awards

Dean Calzada announced that nominations are open for the 2018 CAS Faculty/Staff Awards. Nomination information can be found here: [2018 Faculty/Staff Awards](#)

3. Other Announcements

Events:

- Dr. Moazami announced the 10th Annual Peace Conference, April 10 - 17. Among the events, will be a panel discussion with Dr. Jo Ann Cruz, our previous dean.
- Dr. Henne announced an event, *Wielding Words Like Weapons: Ward Churchill, Indigenous Activist*, Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Hall 114
- Dr. Nystrom announced an event, *Open Kitchens: Women Chefs Changing the New Orleans Food Science*, Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. Roussel Hall. Two scholarships will be raised, one named for Leah Chase and the other, Ella Brennan.
- Dr. Nystrom said that faculty could send images for posters for their summer classes to loyoladohs@gmail.com. Please indicate the course number.
- Dr. Howard announced a Black History Month film, tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Thomas Hall
- Dr. McKay said that speakers will be brought in during March and April as part of Continuing Education partnering with the Study of New Orleans.
- Dr. Hardy announced a roundtable discussion with Kurt Weigle of the Downtown Development District, March 22 at 12:30 p.m. in Monroe Hall 610.

Associate Dean Uriel Quesada introduced Aidan Cooper as the DSAC speaker.

V. Elections - Faculty/Staff Awards Committee

Dean Calzada announced two nominees for the Faculty/Staff Excellence Awards Committee: Enrique Varela from the Natural Sciences, and Sarah Allison from the Humanities. Hearing no other nominations, she asked the assembly if they would accept these faculty by acclamation. All agreed.

VI. Reports

1.) Blackboard Update - Maria Calzada/Stephen Lousteau

Stephen Lousteau, Director of Information Management, gave a [PowerPoint presentation](#) on the upgrade to Blackboard. He said that Information Technology has started this upgrade and has invested in it to help provide a better experience for faculty, students, and student retention. Trainings on the new features will begin in the next few months. There will be a two-day training event on March 5-6 with presentations and one on ones. In the meantime, there is on ground support from Peyton Burgess and Jim Dugan in the library.

There was a discussion that included concerns about collecting data, tracking students, cost, and legal aspects.

2.) Summer School - Justin Nystrom

Dr. Nystrom urged faculty to encourage students to enroll in summer classes. He said that courses usually average about 8 students, but some do enroll better. He is asking that each summer instructor try to recruit at least 3 more students to increase revenue. Taking summer courses can help a student from staying another semester. He said there will be marketing efforts that include posters around campus. Images for posters can be emailed to loyoladohs@gmail.com.

Dr. McKay said that if it you have students who look like they are going to fail, tell them to take a summer course. Some courses are online. She said that the marketing plan is not national, but regional through social media. Our summer courses are the same price as UNO's summer courses.

3.) Project Magis Update

Dean Calzada presented the Magis progress charts from November 29th and February 21st for comparison: [Project Magis Progress](#)

There was a motion to go into executive session; it was made and seconded. The motion passed.

After the assembly came out of executive session, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.