

Humanities and Natural Sciences College Assembly
Thursday, February 18, 2016
Bobet Hall Room 332
12:30p.m. - 1:50p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

In Attendance:

Biological Sciences – Rosalie Anderson, Tish Beard, Don Hauber, Craig Hood
Chemistry and Biochemistry – Christine Heinecke, Qian Qin, CJ Stephenson, Joelle Underwood (Lynn Koplitz's Proxy), Bill Walkenhorst
Classical Studies – Connie Rodriguez, Karen Rosenbecker
English –Kate Adams, John Biguenet, Hillary Eklund, Barbara Ewell, Trimiko Melancon, Chris Schaberg, John Sebastian, Tim Welsh, Mark Yakich
History – Sara Butler, Nicole Eggers, Robert Gerlich, S.J., David Moore, Justin Nystrom, Sanjog Rupakheti, Rian Thum
Languages and Cultures – Eileen Doll (Nathan Henne's Proxy), Isabel Durocher, Alice Kornovich, Josefa Salmon
Mathematical Sciences – Patrick Corbin, Michael Kelly, Scott McDermott, Jeremy Thibodeaux, Ralph Tucci, Karen Villarreal
Philosophy –Jon Altschul, Joseph Berendzen, Mark Gossiaux, Patrick Leland, Connie Mui, Jonathan Peterson (Leonard Kahn's Proxy)
Physics – Tirthabir Biswas, Martin McHugh
Psychological Sciences – Kate Yurgil, Evan Zucker
Religious Studies – Terri Bednarz, Tim Cahill, Elizabeth Goodine, Edward Vacek, S.J.
College of Humanities and Natural Sciences – Maria Calzada, Uriel Quesada
Student Representatives – Kimberly Beckford
Guests – Christian Bolden, Sonya Duhe, Marcus Kondkar, Carol Ann MacGregor, Rae Taylor, Cathy Rogers,

II. Invocation

Dr. Terri Bednarz of Religious Studies gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting – It was seconded, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved with 1 against and 4 abstentions.

IV. Reports

1.) Mission and Ministry – John Sebastian and Alex Mikulich

Dr. John Sebastian reintroduced himself to the assembly as Vice President of Mission and Ministry, and talked about the goals that he has set for himself and for the office. He expressed that he wants to reach out to form strategic partnerships with the faculty and staff, and put more attention on Jesuit and Catholic identity. He then introduced Dr. Alex Mikulich as Assistant Director for Mission and Ministry. Dr. Mikulich told the assembly that he is available to listen, be present and to attend to any challenges faculty and staff are facing at Loyola.

2.) College Restructuring – CAS Handbook

Dean Calzada said that she is working on producing a College of Arts and Sciences handbook. She said that she created a comparative document showing the current HNS handbook, the current CSS handbook, and proposed new language for the CAS handbook. The document can be found on the CAS intranet: [College Handbook Comparison and Proposals](#). Chris Schaberg has suggested that we link the proposed language to Google Docs to solicit comments. Dean Calzada will send a link to the Google Docs this afternoon. If you do not sign on to Google, your comments will be anonymous. If you use your Google account, we will know who you are. The hope is that at the first College Assembly in Fall 2016, we can suspend the rules, vote, and approve a college handbook document for a year. Dean Calzada said that we will continue to discuss college restructuring at the next College Assembly.

V. Old Business

The three motions that were made at the January 21, 2016 College Assembly were discussed and voted on.

Motion 1: Motions regarding a Language Component at the division level must be voted only by college assembly members of each specific division.

After a discussion, the question was called and seconded. The results of the vote to call the question was 44 for, 4 against, and no abstentions. The motion to call the question passed.

Motion 1 was then voted on with 33 for, 13 against, and 5 abstentions. The motion passed.

Motion 2: The Humanities Division of the College will have a Language Component of “Placement + 1” up to the 201/250 level beginning in Fall 2016.

There was a discussion on Motion 2. Dr. Connie Rodriguez said that the motion was written without consulting Classical Studies, and made a motion to amend the wording to “300/400 Classical Studies level.” This motion was seconded and the vote on amending the wording of the motion was taken with 18 for, 7 against, and 6 abstentions. The motion passed. After another brief discussion, the question was called on amended Motion 2; a vote was taken with 22 for, 5 against and 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

Motion 3: The College of Humanities and Natural Sciences would like the Provost and the President to know that it supports maintaining instruction in additional languages, not limited to Arabic, Japanese, Chinese, German and Italian. These languages are essential for many programs including, but not limited to, History, Study Abroad, International Studies, Asian Studies, and Middle East Peace Studies.

After a discussion on the motion, the question was called; a vote was taken with 42 for, 4 against, and 3 abstentions. The motion passed.

VI. New Business

1. Discussion of next steps of Faculty Senate vote of no confidence

Dean Calzada asked if the assembly would like to go into executive session with no minutes taken. A motion was made and seconded; a vote was taken with 49 for, 4 against, and no abstentions. The motion to go into executive session passed.