

Humanities and Natural Sciences College Assembly
Thursday, January 21, 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, Patricia Dorn, Don Hauber, Craig Hood, Kim Mix
Chemistry and Biochemistry – Christine Heinecke, Lynn Koplitz, CJ Stephenson, Joelle Underwood, Bill Walkenhorst
Classical Studies – Connie Rodriguez, Karen Rosenbecker
English – Robert Bell, John Biguenet, Hillary Eklund, Barbara Ewell, Chris Schaberg, Tim Welsh
History – Maurice Brungardt, Sara Butler, Nicole Eggers, Mark Fernandez, Robert Gerlich, S.J., Ashley Howard, Behrooz Moazami, David Moore, Justin Nystrom, Rian Thum
Languages and Cultures – Eileen Doll, Nathan Henne, Alice Kornovich
Mathematical Sciences – Patrick Corbin, Scott McDermott, Ralph Tucci, Karen Villarreal
Philosophy – Jon Altschul, Joseph Berendzen, Mark Gossiaux, Leonard Kahn, Patrick Leland, Jonathan Peterson
Physics – Tirthabir Biswas, Armin Kargol
Psychological Sciences – Erin Dupuis, Lawrence Lewis, Chuck Nichols, Enrique Varela, Suzanne Ledet-Yuspeh, Evan Zucker
Religious Studies – Terri Bednarz, Tim Cahill, Edward Vacek, S.J., Cathy Wessinger
College of Humanities and Natural Sciences – Maria Calzada, Uriel Quesada
Student Representatives – Kimberly Beckford
Guests – Christian Bolden, Kelly Frailing, Sonya Duhe, Carol Ann MacGregor, Rae Taylor, Cathy Rogers,

II. Invocation

Ed Vacek, S.J., of Religious Studies gave the invocation.

Dean Calzada asked the assembly to change the order of the agenda to let Provost Manganaro give his report first. Hearing no objection, the order of the agenda was changed.

III. University Update – Provost Marc Manganaro

Provost Manganaro welcomed everyone back and gave a brief university update. He said there was a Board of Trustees meeting in December where they approved the financial equilibrium budget. The board also unanimously approved a 2% merit pool salary increase effective August 1, 2016, and the return of the university's full match of the retirement benefit, effective January 2017. There will be a 2% increase in undergraduate tuition, no tuition increase for the law school, and a 3% increase in board.

Dr. Manganaro also said that the college restructuring is moving along and thanked the deans for their hard work. He said that when we graduate students in May, they would still graduate under their College of HNS or College of Social Sciences.

He reported that Patricia Pearce has been appointed as the interim dean of the new College of Graduate and Professional Studies for a one-year term beginning August 1, 2016. A search for a permanent dean will take place over the AY 2016-2017. He also said that the College of Music and Fine Arts dean search has begun and will run through this summer and into the fall, with a new dean being hired in Fall 2017.

The Provost said that the new Common Curriculum was approved by UC&CC and SCAP, and that the Translation and Interpreting Program was also approved by SCAP. He also said that the nursing practitioner program was being brought back.

Dr. Manganaro talked briefly about the Advising Think Tank and its priorities, and the Faculty Research Active Committees, which focuses on developing a description of what defines and constitutes research.

The Provost said that at today's Senate meeting there would be a vote on the motion of no confidence in the President. He expressed his hopes that this will be a process towards having better communication between the faculty and the board.

Dr. Manganaro opened the floor for discussion. Questions and comments included the capital campaign, the endowment, fundraising, and the current prospective students dashboard. Provost Manganaro suggested that Bill Bishop and Chris Wiseman come to a college assembly. Dr. Mark Fernandez remarked that the Faculty/Staff Campaign giving improved this year, and thanked everyone who stepped up to give.

IV. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting – it was seconded, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved with three abstentions.

V. Announcements

- 1.) Dean Calzada announced that the faculty retreat, from her perspective, was a huge success. We are in the process of sending out a survey to the participants to evaluate the retreat.
- 2.) Dean Calzada announced that Anna Duggar gave birth to a baby girl.
- 3.) Dean Calzada announced a meeting to discuss the possibility of a new AAUP chapter next Wednesday, January 27th at 11:30 a.m. in CMMN 304.
- 4.) Dr. Rian Thum announced "The Love of Strangers," event in the Whitney Room Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- 5.) Dr. Behrooz Moazami announced that the Peace Conference would be held from April 18-21, 2016.

VI. Reports

QEP – Joy Allen

Dr. Joy Allen, Faculty Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan, spoke about the QEP and enhancing student learning outcomes. Since there is a QEP component of the SACSCOC accreditation process, everyone should know what the QEP is. SACS reps can come up to anyone on campus and ask them if they know what the QEP is. She went on to say that the QEP's purpose is to make sure students have personal and professional growth. The QEP, "*Discerning Minds: Experience. Reflect. Transform.*" is designed to improve student learning experiences within 4 pedagogy areas: Collaborative Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (CRSCA); Internships; Service Learning; and Study Abroad. Students will engage in experiential learning, reflect on what they've done, and integrate those reflections into their plans for the future. Dr. Allen gave handouts on the QEP, and said to please contact her with any questions. They can be found on the HNS intranet: [QEP - Discerning Minds](#)

Disability Services – Richelle Voelker

Richelle Voelker, Director of Disability Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Universal Design for Learning (UDL), which emphasizes the importance of considering all types of learning styles and disabilities as new course materials are created. She said that we have to be in compliance with the law, and UDL provides what we need to achieve that. Penalties for noncompliance can be astronomical. She stated that UDL serves all students, and her PowerPoint includes resources to help faculty implement UDL. She provided several links, and Dean Calzada said that we could discuss more on these later. Dr. Quesada said to please contact Ms. Voelker or himself if parents or students call with any questions on disabilities. (The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the College of HNS intranet in the near future)

Common Curriculum – Language/Ethics Requirement

In the interest of time, Dean Calzada shared a written report for the Common Curriculum Language/Ethics Requirement. She asked the assembly to read the report and send her any questions. The report can be found on the College of HNS intranet: [Common Curriculum Report](#)

VII. New Business

Motions:

Dr. Eileen Doll submitted Motions 1 and 2.

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

The motion was seconded and will be discussed and voted on at the next college assembly.

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.

The motion was seconded and will be discussed and voted on at the next college assembly.

Dr. Butler made the following motion (with input from the assembly):

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.

The motion was seconded and will be discussed and voted on at the next college assembly.

VIII. Move to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.