

Humanities and Natural Sciences College Assembly
Thursday, November 19, 2015
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, Kim Mix
Chemistry and Biochemistry – Christine Heinecke, Lynn Koplitz, Amelia Neuberger, CJ Stephenson, Joelle Underwood
Classical Studies – Connie Rodriguez, Karen Rosenbecker
English – Kate Adams, John Biguenet, Hillary Eklund, Trimiko Melancon, Chris Schaberg, Tim Welsh, Mark Yakich
History – Maurice Brungardt, Sara Butler, Mark Fernandez, Robert Gerlich, S.J., Ashley Howard, Behrooz Moazami, David Moore, Sanjog Rupakheti
Languages and Cultures – Eileen Doll, Nathan Henne, Alice Kornovich, Josefa Salmon
Mathematical Sciences – Patrick Corbin, Mike Kelly, Katarzyna Saxton, Ralph Tucci, Karen Villarreal
Philosophy – Jon Altschul, Joseph Berendzen, Mark Gossiaux, Leonard Kahn, Patrick Leland, Connie Mui,
Physics – Tirthabir Biswas, Armin Kargol, Martin McHugh
Psychological Sciences – Glenn Hymel, Lawrence Lewis, Chuck Nichols, Enrique Varela, Kate Yurgil, Suzanne Ledet-Yuspeh, Evan Zucker
Religious Studies – Terri Bednarz, Tim Cahill, Elizabeth Goodine, Judith Gruber, Adil Khan, Edward Vacek, S.J.
College of Humanities and Natural Sciences – Maria Calzada, Uriel Quesada
Guests – Christian Bolden, Jim Dugan, Sonya Duhe, Philip Dynia, Rae Taylor, Marcus Kondkar, Cathy Rogers, Lydia Voight

II. Invocation

Dean Maria Calzada gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting – it was seconded, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved with two abstentions and one change. The change was that Dr. Moazami suggested having a forum on the future of higher education.

IV. Announcements

- 1.) Associate Dean Uriel Quesada announced that the DSAC speaker, who was not in attendance, is Joshua Young, a Criminology and Justice junior.
- 2.) Jim Dugan, a member of the Blackboard support team, announced that as of January 4th everyone will login to Blackboard with their campus wide ID to enhance security issues. Passwords will stay in place. All of your old data will be there. However, he said that starting next semester courses older than two years old would be deleted. Several faculty expressed concerns about erasing syllabi, research materials, etc. He said that you could contact him with any further questions, or the other members of the Blackboard team – Peyton Burgess and Eric Wiltz.
- 3.) Dean Calzada said that vita updates are due December 1st to chairs.
- 4.) Dean Calzada announced that as part of her Ignation Colleagues Project she is organizing a faculty retreat. She said that this retreat is also to help lift each other's spirits and form camaraderie. The retreat will be Friday, January 8-10th and the space is limited to 30 people. This is a joint venture between the dean and Mission and Ministry. If you are interested in attending the retreat please send Diane Riehlmann an email by December 9th.
- 5.) Dr. Christian Bolden from Criminology and Justice announced news from the social sciences departments. Drs. Kondkar and Taylor are in the film, "Finding Jenn's Voice," which examines the leading cause of death of pregnant women – domestic violence homicide. On Nov. 17th, a congressional screening of the film was given in the Cannon House on Capital Hill followed by a panel discussion including survivors of attempted domestic violence homicides and Dr. Taylor. Also, a few weeks ago, Dr. Ron Serpas, representing a group of 130 law enforcement leaders from around the

nation, met with President Obama to urge an end to mass incarceration. The group's message was that mass incarceration could be ended with crime being simultaneously reduced. The trailer can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/86908578>. The website is <http://findingjennsvoice.com/home/>.

6.) Dean Calzada announced that the College holiday party would be held on Friday, December 11th at 3:30 p.m. in Bobet 202.

V. Reports

Common Curriculum – Lydia Voight

Dr. Lydia Voight gave a PowerPoint presentation, "The Loyola Core: A Proposal for a More "Common" Curriculum," highlighting the history, lack of commonality and challenges of the Common Curriculum.

(<http://cas.loyno.edu/sites/cas.loyno.edu/files/images/LOYOLACORE.pdf>). The new Loyola Core recommends establishing a standard 39-hour core curriculum for all undergraduate degree programs. She stated that the SCCC approved the model for the Loyola Core in September 2015. The UC&CC approved the Loyola Core in November 2015. SCAP is currently considering the proposal. The assembly began a discussion on the new Loyola Core and its pros and cons. Dean Calzada said that faculty should talk to their SCAP representatives. Sara Butler asked that the dean's office create an online poll to get feedback on the Loyola Core proposal.

ALEKS – Math Placement – Maria Calzada and Lynn Koplitz

Dean Calzada and Dr. Koplitz reported that the current procedures for placement exams are not good. They said that ALEKS is an online system for students to take placement exams after they have sent in a deposit. They take the test online and get a score and an assessment. They are then able to take the exam over again up to five times after online modules are completed between exams taken. The cost for the platform is \$25, and this year the college and the Office of Admissions will have to put up for the cost of the system. Dean Calzada said that in the future this cost could be a part of a student success fee.

Senate Motion Discussion – Joelle Underwood and Jon Altschul

Drs. Underwood and Altschul reported on the motion to the University Senate regarding the leadership of President Wildes. The motion was seconded in the last Senate meeting. They said that they met with Fr. Wildes and Marc Manganaro to discuss the motion. The assembly began a discussion on the senate motion that included suggestions to table the motion, the ramifications of the motion, revising the motion, the president being able to move us forward, and the possible results of a vote of no confidence in the president. Dr. Altschul said that the motion was a formal way of expressing our voice.

VI. Move to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.