

Humanities and Natural Sciences College Assembly
Thursday, April 16, 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, Letitia Beard, Don Hauber, Jim Wee
Chemistry – Christine Heinecke, Amelia Neuberger, C.J. Stephenson, William Walkenhorst
Classical Studies – Connie Rodriguez, Karen Rosenbecker
English – Sarah Allison, Robert Bell, John Biguenet, Hillary Eklund, Barbara Ewell, Trimiko Melancon, Laura Murphy, Nancy Rowe, Chris Schaberg, John Sebastian, Mary Waguespack, Tim Welsh
History – Maurice Brungardt, Sara Butler, Nicole Eggers, Mark Fernandez, Rev. Robert Gerlich, Ashley Howard, David Moore, Justin Nystrom, Rian Thum
Languages and Cultures – Alice Kornovich, Rev. Peter Rogers
Mathematical Sciences – Patrick Corbin, Mike Kelly, Katarzyna Saxton, Ralph Tucci, Karen Villarreal
Philosophy – Jon Altschul, Joe Berendzen, Mark Gossiaux, Leonard Kahn, Connie Mui, Jonathan Peterson
Physics – Tirthabir Biswas, Armin Kargol, Martin McHugh
Psychological Sciences – Mary Brazier, Glenn Hymel, Chuck Nichols, Kate Yurgil, Evan Zucker
Religious Studies – Terri Bednarz, Elizabeth Goodine, Ken Keulman, Adil Khan, Rev. Edward Vacek, Catherine Wessinger
Teacher Certification – Jane Chauvin
College of Humanities and Natural Sciences – Maria Calzada, Uriel Quesada
Guests – Luis Miron, Joy Allen

II. Invocation

Dr. Terri Bednarz, R.S.M. of Religious Studies gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2015

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting -- it was seconded, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved with six abstentions.

Dean Calzada welcomed everyone along with the members of the College of Social Sciences. She said that she looks forward to a new college with a new name in Fall, 2016. The assembly welcomed everyone with applause. She then requested a change of the agenda to add a CRTC report by Sara Butler. Hearing no objections, Dean Calzada added the report to the agenda.

IV. Announcements

1. Dean Calzada announced the HNS Honors Convocation and end of the year party would be on Friday, May 8th. She reminded everyone that commencement is on May 9th, and there would be shuttles to take faculty/staff to the dome.
2. Dean Calzada also announced that Rich Wilson is out of the office, and to please let the dean's office know if there is anything you need help with.
3. Dr. Connie Rodriguez announced an Archaeological Institute of America lecture by Dr. Richard Buckley, "Richard III, The King Under the Car Park: the story of the search for the burial place of England's last Plantagenet king" on April 17th in the Whitney Presentation Room.
4. An announcement was made promoting tonight's event, "Katrina: Before, During and After," which will be held in Nunemaker at 7:00 p.m.
5. Dr. Chris Schaberg announced that today at 4:30 there would be a public conversation by writer D.T. Max in the Whitney Presentation Room.

6. Dr. Nikki Eggers encouraged everyone to attend the Seventh Annual Student Peace Conference lecture tonight in Miller 113.
7. Associate Dean Uriel Quesada announced that course evaluations are currently available online until April 29th.

V. Reports

1. Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) - Dr. Joy Allen, College of Music and Fine Arts

Dr. Joy Allen, Faculty Director of QEP reported on the significance of the QEP and explained that a part of the strategic plan focuses on experiential learning. Targeted QEP activities will be centered on four key experiential learning practices: collaborative research, internships, service learning and study abroad.

She went on to say that there are 3 student learning outcomes used for assessment, which can be found on the QEP website. She invited faculty to join a QEP workgroup, and said they could contact anyone on the leadership team if they are interested in sharing concerns or offering suggestions.

2. CRTC – Dr. Sara Butler

Dr. Sara Butler reported that the CRTC has revised its protocol and they are going paperless and binder-less. Everything will be on Blackboard, and if you have books they can be brought to the dean's office. This year Biology and Physics did it this way, and it worked out well. Once the process is over, the site comes down for confidentiality. The revised CRTC protocol is now on the intranet.

3. Financial Equilibrium – Dean Maria Calzada

Dean Calzada reported that the Presidential Advisory Committee met 3 times and 8 taskforces were created. She stated that she is on the Faculty Loads Taskforce, and would be sending out an email to the chairs with an attachment on teaching workloads for review. The taskforce is focusing on extraordinary faculty teaching 4-4 and ordinary faculty teaching 3-3. A discussion ensued where faculty expressed a number of concerns, including no raises in 3 years, the inadvisability of across the board 4-4 loads, morale concerns, and different ideas on how to balance the \$25 million disequilibrium. Dean Calzada said that there is a 0.00% chance that the Faculty Loads Taskforce will recommend a universal 4-4 teaching load.

VI. Move to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.