

**College of Arts and Sciences College Assembly**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2016**  
**Bobet 332**  
**12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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**I. Call to Order**

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

**In Attendance:**

Biological Sciences – Rosalie Anderson, Tish Beard, Patricia Dorn, Don Hauber, Craig Hood, Kim Mix  
Chemistry and Biochemistry – Anna Duggar, Christine Heinecke, CJ Stephenson, Joelle Underwood  
Classical Studies – Connie Rodriguez, Karen Rosenbecker  
Criminology and Justice – Christian Bolden, Bethany Brown, Kelly Frailing, Rae Taylor, William Thornton  
English – Kate Adams, Sarah Allison, John Biguenet, Barbara Ewell, Trimiko Melancon, Daniel Mintz, Laura Murphy, Tim Welsh, Mark Yakich  
History – Nicole Eggers, Mark Fernandez, Robert Gerlich, Eric Hardy, Ashley Howard, Behrooz Moazami, David Moore, Justin Nystrom, Sanjog Rupakheti, Rian Thum  
Jesuit Social Research Institute – Fred Kammer, S.J., Nicholas Mitchell  
Languages and Cultures – Eileen Doll, Nathan Henne, Alice Kornovich, Peter Rogers, Josefa Salmon  
Mass Communication – Sonya Duhe, Kathryn Collins, David Myers, Leslie Parr, Cathy Rogers  
Mathematical Sciences – Patrick Corbin, Xuefeng Li, Scott McDermott, Katarzyna Saxton, Jeremy Thibodeaux, Ralph Tucci, Karen Villarreal  
Philosophy – Joe Berendzen, Mark Gossiaux, Leonard Kahn, Patrick Leland, Connie Mui  
Physics – Tirthabir Biswas, Armin Kargol, Martin McHugh  
Political Science – Sean Cain, Young Soo Kim  
Psychological Sciences – Erin Dupuis, Tuan Lam, Kate Yurgil, Suzanne Ledet-Yuspeh, Evan Zucker  
Religious Studies – Terri Bednarz, Bob Gnuse, Judith Gruber, Adil Khan, Edward Vacek, S.J., Cathy Wessinger  
Sociology – Marcus Kondkar, Carol Ann MacGregor, Jaita Talukdar, Lydia Voigt  
Teacher Education – Glenda Hembree  
College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office – Maria Calzada, Uriel Quesada

**II. Invocation**

Dr. Terri Bednarz of Religious Studies gave the invocation.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Dean Calzada said that if anyone misses the opportunity to sign in for the assembly, to please email Diane Riehlmann and she will add you to the list of those present at that meeting.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2016 meeting; it was seconded, a vote was taken and the minutes were approved with three abstentions.

**IV. Announcements**

Dean Calzada announced that Dr. Sean Cain from Political Science and his wife welcomed a new baby girl.

Dr. Ashley Howard said that there would be Mini-Seminars on Racial Justice from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. tonight in Monroe Library.

Associate Dean Uriel Quesada reminded the faculty of the early warnings that run from September 12 – 25. He said to please post early warnings even if there is nothing to report.

Dr. Quesada also announced that the Office of Disability Services just hired two new counselors, and urged faculty to contact them with any disability service issues.

Dr. Craig Hood said that the Environment Program is launching Environment Roundtables, discussions on important environmental issues. Facilitators include environment faculty and guest hosts. “Living in the Anthropocene: It’s not and cannot be ‘Business as Usual’ will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in Monroe Hall Room 152.

Fr. Kammer from JSRI announced that they have released the State of Working Mississippi 2016 report that examines trends in population, labor force income and poverty. It is available on the JSRI website.

Dr. Connie Rodriguez announced that there would be a Classical Studies lecture series beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Ryan Gray of UNO. “Creolization and Cosmopolitan Tastes: The Archaeology of Colonial New Orleans at the City’s Tricentennial” will be held in the Whitney Bank Presentation Room at 8 p.m.

## **V. Reports**

### **1.) Counseling and Health Services – Dr. Alicia Bourque and Robert Reed**

Dr. Bourque and Mr. Reed spoke about the numerous challenges that Loyola students have recently had. Dr. Bourque said that there are many services that the University Counseling Center provides, and she wants faculty to know about them. She talked about Lift up Loyola, a movement focused on communicating the resources and programs available to the Loyola community. She also said that they have hired a new case manager, have health advocate groups of 20 students living in the residence halls, and will be kicking off an Opiate Awareness Week on September 19<sup>th</sup>. She said that the Counseling Center provides a 24/7/365 phone crisis line, and urged faculty to go to their website to read up on all of the resources available. She let faculty know that HIPPA does not apply when there are safety concerns. Dr. Bourque said that there would be emails sent soon to faculty on how to refer students to proper resources.

Mr. Reed said that last semester Loyola lost four members of the community. He said that the main mental health concerns that students present are anxiety, depression and relationship issues. He said that we must all be proactive when dealing with student issues. He said that if you see something, say something, and if you feel uncomfortable with a situation, to please contact him and he will follow up. Mr. Reed said that the Care and Concern Committee meets weekly to discuss student issues. There is an online form for anonymous reporting at <https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?LoyolaUnivNo>, or you can email him directly. He said if there is concern about a student and it is after hours, to call the university police.

### **2.) University Update – Provost Marc Manganaro**

Provost Manganaro gave a university update, beginning with a thank you to Dean Calzada, Roger White and Bret Jacobs for helping with the transition to the new college. He said that as of today there were 616 freshman enrolled. He said that TOPS did play a major role in the lower numbers, and that the discount rate was the same as last year. He said the academic profile has risen, and that the law school enrollment is significantly higher than budgeted for. He did say that there was concern about their academic profile, student success and rankings. He then said that the voluntary severance program was successful. He said that an update to the revenue generation report from financial equilibrium was given to the President and will need to be followed through with the programs slated for investment. Dr. Manganaro said that the dean searches are underway for the Dean of Music and Fine Arts and the Dean of the Law School, with the Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies launching next year.

He went on to answer questions from the assembly on issues ranging from the state of the endowment, plans on increasing enrollment, how much we are in the red, and budget figures. He said that we currently have \$250 million in the endowment with \$135 million in unrestricted and \$115 million in restricted funds. He said that Ruffalo Noel Levitz consultants will be working with us on enrollment. He then said we are a significantly smaller institution and that is the new normal for now, and we should be thinking about this when scheduling classes, etc. Ruffalo Noel Levitz is also finishing up a tuition pricing study that will be presented to the Board at the October meeting. The results of this study will be shared with the faculty as well. He also suggested that Jay Calamia come to the assembly to present spreadsheets on budgetary issues.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **1.) Dr. Stephenson's Motion: Clicker elections for committees at College Assembly will take place right after Announcements.**

The motion was moved and seconded. There was a vote and the motion passed.

### **2.) Motion from Election Committee to suspend rules for the purpose of voting on Handbook amendment.**

Dean Calzada asked the Elections Committee to come down and discuss the rationale for the amendment to the election protocol. Dr. Sean Cain made a presentation explaining the proposal. The assembly raised the following issues: SORC is not on the list of committees, how ½ votes are accounted for, how to make sure the right groups (i.e., divisions) vote, and should all elections happen through Survey Monkey.

The motion was moved and seconded. There was a vote and the motion passed.

**Dean Calzada then reminded the assembly that there would be a Special College Assembly on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in Bobet 202 with Roberta Kaskel as the guest speaker.**

## **VI. Move to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.