

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2023

Members present: Larry Lombard, Smiti Gupta, Jeff Grynawski, Leisa Kauffmann, Eric Kessell, Christopher Trentacosta, Yuson Jung, Andrew Newman, Eric Ash, Pramod Khosla, Robert Harr, John Klein, Hien Nguyen, Alina Cherry, Ed Golenberg, Zach Brewster, Fernando Charro, Ty Partridge.

Attending: Claudio Verani, Lori Pile, Stephanie Hartwell, Jennifer Wareham, Pei-Yong Wang, Caroline Brzuchowski, Catherine Lediebeck.

- Approval of Dec. 1 meeting minutes – voted and approved motion.
- Approval of items from the curriculum committee:
 - ◉ B.A. in Law proposal – voted and approved motion after much deliberation. Jennifer Wareham presented the proposal. Two members from the Law School also addressed questions. There were four members who abstained from voting and one against.
 - ◉ Changes to mathematics Ph.D. program – voted and approved motion.

ChatGPT – an article was published in The Higher Education Chronicle regarding this software, C&IT and Academic Senate Policy Committee are reviewing this tool.

Dean's report

- CLAS Strategic Plan will be posted on the CLAS website, please share these goals throughout the departments.
- Jenn Wareham is welcomed to the dean's office, as associate dean for faculty and graduate affairs, and the other current searches are for the college's business affairs officer and an assistant business affairs officer.
- P&T for the college is completed and has been submitted to the provost's office. The dean and Claudio will be reviewing submissions from associate professor to professor for next year's P&T, prior to those being submitted to the college's P&T Committee; these submissions need to have national and international recognition.
- Claudio and the dean will send out soon in February, faculty request for proposals (mini grants), on the topic of social justice, course development (block scheduling), pilot programs for social justice research grants, one-time funds for this initiative, monies to be awarded this fall term.
- Enrollments are down 10% in CLAS.
- The dean's office is still providing funds for field trips for CLAS courses.