

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES—FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 6, 2017

**Members Present:** Avis Vidal, Tausha Beardsley, Brad Smith, Charles Parrish, Ed Golenberg, Larry Lombard, Lisa Maruca, Lisa Ze-Winters, Victor Figueroa, John Klein, Kevin Cotter, Kyu-Nahm Jun, Barry Lyons, Zachary Brewster, Aaron Retish

**Attending:** Wayne Raskind, Heather Dillaway, Peter Hoffmann, Ratna Naik, Robert Aguirre, Paul Clemens

**Absent With Notice:** Claudio Verani, Lara Jones, John Santalucia

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by John Klein, who ran the meeting in place of the absent Claudio Verani.

The minutes of the March 02, 2017 meeting were approved.

Wayne Raskind spoke of the budget situation and noted upcoming meetings with the college's Budget Advisory Committee and with the Provost's Office.

Robert Aguirre spoke of the rollout of the new Educational Advisory Board tool, which is designed to help with student advising. Aguirre called the rollout "disappointing," in particular the appointment scheduling tool that connects students with their departmental advisors.

Heather Dillaway and Avis Vidal spoke of the changes to the Master of Urban Planning degree, which were approved.

Dillaway led a discussion of the work of the Curriculum Committee and the lengthy implementation delays that can result from the current college process, in which approval by the Faculty Council must be followed by approval by the Faculty Assembly before any program changes can then proceed to the university level, where there are often further delays.

Dillaway noted that this process is spelled out in the college by-laws and wondered if there were any way to expedite things. A lengthy discussion followed, in which various strategies—a mid-semester Faculty Assembly, a virtual Faculty Assembly, a change to the by-laws—were floated. Charles Parrish made a motion that a committee be formed to look into the issue of Faculty Council and Faculty Assembly approval for program changes and that the committee report back to Faculty Council at its next meeting. The motion failed.

There was the usual call for candidates to run for various college committees.

The next Faculty Assembly was noted to be taking place on its usual day—Study Day, April 25—but at a different time, 1:00-2:30.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.