

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 6, 2023

Members present: Zachary Brewster, Larry Lombard, Leisa Kauffmann, Smiti Gupta, Christopher Trentacosta, Eric Kessell, Yuson Jung, Andrew Newman, Eric Ash, Pramod Khosla, Robert Harr, Alina Cherry, Fernando Charro .

Absent with notice: Edward Golenberg, John Klein, Hien Nguyen, Ty Partridge, Jeff Grynawiski.

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Lori Pile, Paul Clemens, Andrea Matti, Anne Duggan.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the March 2, 2023 meeting were approved.

Lori Pile introduced the revision to the certificate in Cannabis from the Chemistry Department—previously discussed at the March meeting—which was approved.

Stephanie Hartwell noted the upcoming deadline for Student Service Fee submissions and mentioned that notifications for the college's Social Justice funding for teaching and research have gone out.

Anne Duggan presented the proposed certificates in Conversational and Professional French and in Practical French, both of which were approved.

Smiti Gupta noted the ongoing college elections, the results of which would be known on April 11, and the need for Article XXX nominations.

Stephanie Hartwell mentioned the upcoming commencement ceremonies and asked faculty to attend. She asked for participation, too, in the ongoing college five-year review. She also noted that safety on campus is a topic of concern and said Claudio Verani is working on this issue.

Hartwell noted the recent hires of Erica Searcy, who is working on CLAS recruitment, and of Marcus Wolf, the new CLAS Business Affairs Officer, who begins on April 24. She mentioned, too, that certain campus buildings are in bad shape and said there's a need for a comprehensive plan, which Claudio Verani is also working on.

There was a wide-ranging discussion of faculty office hours, including student preferences for in-person vs. Zoom and the many reasons why students may or may not attend them.

The dean noted that the recent budget hearings were done and that the college could be looking at a 3-6% cut. She also mentioned the upcoming CLAS UG Research Symposium on April 14.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20.