

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences—Faculty Council Meeting
October 06, 2016

Members Present: Larry Lombard, Barry Lyons, David Merolla, Kevin Cotter, Claudio Verani, Ashis Mukhopadhyay, Lisa Maruca, Charles Parrish, Tausha Beardsley, Ed Golenberg, Lara Jones, Zachary Brewster, Avis Vidal, Aaron Retish, Brad Smith, Kyu-Nahm Jun

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Robert Aguirre, Heather Dillaway, Peter Hoffmann, Ratna Naik, Caroline Brzuchowski, Sandra Yee

Absent With Notice: John Klein, John Santalucia

The meeting was called to order at 9:08

The minutes of the September 08, 2016 meeting were approved.

Heather Dillaway discussed the moratorium on admission to the Film Studies major, a move supported by the curriculum committee. Lisa Maruca spoke in favor of the moratorium, citing declining enrollment. The council approved this change.

Dean Raskind discussed part-time faculty budgets. Currently, there are approximately 250 sections taught by part-timers, who are funded by salary savings from unfilled faculty lines, almost all of which have been reverted as a result of budget cuts. Charles Parrish raised concerns about the new university general education and its possible effects on CLAS graduate programs. Dean Raskind discussed his desire to see more graduate students on fellowship support, paid for by more efficient instructional models.

Claudio Verani introduced Associate Dean Ratna Naik, who outlined her duties and priorities in her new role: better management of part-time faculty and improved data collection about faculty teaching loads.

Dean Raskind asked the council how many would like to see the restoration of faculty research accounts. Nearly all the members raised their hands. The dean then explained that he would like to pay for research accounts with savings from reductions in the use of part-time faculty.

Robert Aguirre discussed enrollment trends in CLAS majors, noting strong increases in Biological Sciences and Psychology, the largest majors, as well as significant declines over the last five years in the number of students without majors

Ratna Naik asked for nominees to Article XXX committees.

Dean Sandra Yee presented on the upcoming HLC accreditation, early in 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.