

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Members present: Andrew Newman, Fernando Charro, John Klein, Victor Figueroa, Christopher Trentacosta, Eric Kessell, Pramod Khosla, Alina Cherry, Jaime Goodrich, Sarah Swider, Chuanzhu Fan, Edward Golenberg, Robert Harr, Shelly Jo Kraft.

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Paul Clemens, Claudio Verani, Caroline Brzuchowski, Jennifer Wareham, Ahmad Heydari.

Absent with notice: Zachary Brewster, Ty Partridge, Hien Nguyen, Michael Belzer.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the October 5, 2023 meeting were approved.

Ahmad Heydari spoke of the proposed online MS degrees in Nutrition and Food Sciences and in Dietetics, both of which were approved. Dean Hartwell noted that online offerings such as this are in keeping with the provost's initiative to grow Masters degree programs.

Caroline Brzuchowski once again asked for volunteers for the CLAS election committee. Jaime Goodrich nominated Natalia Rakhlin from English.

There was a wide-ranging discussion, continued from the October meeting, of the role of teaching faculty on the CLAS P&T committee.

There was discussion, initiated by Robert Harr, about student academic performance. Several council members expressed concerns and noted downward trends in their classes. There was general agreement that, overall, students were different than they were pre-pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.