

MINUTES

College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) Faculty Council 2014-2015
Monday, March 16, 2015; 308 Hibbs Hall

Attendees

Joseph Turner, CHSFC President, Chemistry
Julio C. Alvarez, CHSFC Parliamentarian, Chemistry
Sarah Seashols Williams, CHSFC Secretary, Forensic Science
Les Harrison, English, Faculty Senate
Andrew Bristow, Mathematics & Applied Mathematics
Rowena Briones, Robertson School of Media and Culture
David Golumbia, English
Michael L. Fine, Biology
Susan Bodnar-Deren, CHSFC Past President, Sociology
Joseph Topich, Undergraduate Academic Committee
Jim McCullough, Psychology
Denis Demchenko, Physics
Jason Arnold, Political Science
Tim Thurber, History
Christine Cynn, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
William Hornsby, Kinesiology & Health Sciences
Donald Smith, Philosophy
Kathryn Murphy-Judy, Liberal Studies for Early and Elementary Education

Absent

Ghidewon Abay-Asmerom, CHS Technology Committee
Edward Boone, Statistical Science & Operations Research
Peter Kirkpatrick, University Council
Ronald Evans, Graduate Academic Committee
Charlene Crawley, Interdisciplinary Science Program
Robert Gains, Military Science and Leadership
Nicholas Farrell, Promotion & Tenure Committee
Robert L Sims, School of World Studies
[representative], African-American Studies

1. Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. Committee Reports

UAC - Joe Topich will submit UAC summary of work and report will be posted on Bb.

GAC - GAC reports were submitted to FC and reviewed. Report will be posted on Bb.

Technology Committee - No report given.

P&T - No report given.

UC - Nothing to report.

FS - Tim Davy, Vice Provost of faculty recruitment and retention came and spoke with FS. Compared to peer institutions, raises are low for promotion of faculty. Would cost \$300K to get to peers (\$1,000 raise for promotion from Instructor to Asst Prof, \$1,500 from Asst. to Assoc Prof, and \$2,000 from Assoc. to Prof.) There was discussion for a potential proposal for 6% at each promotion level.) Discussed RCM (revenue-centered model) and potential pitfalls for implementation at VCU. McKenna Brown spoke about VCU China initiative, for students and faculty encouragement to take classes and teach at FUDAN campus. A shared governance resolution was proposed to put Dept. Bylaws into WEAVE.

University Council - Nothing to report

Library Committee - Nothing to report.

ACM - Big push for Branding of the College and the University. Members on the Advisory Committee are moving towards slogans emphasizing that CHS is the heart of the University.

4. Old Business:

Needs grants: sent out and in CHS newsletter. President Turner has received 3-4 proposals and anticipates several more before April 1 deadline.

CHSFC Draft Policies & Procedures: Proposed in order to reduce CHSFC Bylaw bulk and allow for more flexibility in the procedures. Document was revised and will be voted on in April's meeting.

5. President's Report - Nothing to report beyond the ACM meeting

6. New Business

FC Members proposed that Dean Coleman be invited to the April meeting to speak about the proposed budget model and other items of interest.

Executive Board Nominations:

Rowena Briones and David Golumbia were nominated for President position. David Golumbia will be on leave during Spring 2016, and so he declined the nomination. Rowena Briones accepted the nomination.

Andy Bristow self-nominated for Secretary. Julio Alvarez agreed to continue as Parliamentarian. Briones, Bristow and Alvarez were unanimously approved as Executive Board members for 2015-16.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm. The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held **Monday, April 20, from 3pm-4:30pm in Room 308, Hibbs Hall.**

Submitted April 15, 2015.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Seashols-Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Sarah Seashols-Williams
Secretary of the CHS Faculty Council
Instructor, Department of Forensic Science