

# MINUTES

College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) Faculty Council 2014-2015  
Monday, January 26, 2015; 308 Hibbs Hall

## *Attendees*

Joseph Turner, CHSFC President, Chemistry  
Julio C. Alvarez, CHSFC Parliamentarian, Chemistry  
Sarah Seashols Williams, CHSFC Secretary, Forensic Science  
Susan Bodnar-Deren, CHSFC Past President, Sociology  
Christine Cynn, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies  
Ghidewon Abay-Asmerom, CHS Technology Committee  
Jim McCullough, Psychology  
Denis Demchenko, Physics  
Les Harrison, English, Faculty Senate  
Candace Kent, Mathematics & Applied Mathematics  
David Golumbia, English  
Michael L. Fine, Biology  
Rowena Briones, Robertson School of Media and Culture  
Joseph Topich, Undergraduate Academic Committee  
Peter Kirkpatrick, University Council  
Kathryn Murphy-Judy, Liberal Studies for Early and Elementary Education  
James Mays, (Guest) Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs

## *Absent*

Ronald Evans, Graduate Academic Committee  
Jason Arnold, Political Science  
William Hornsby, Kinesiology & Health Sciences  
Charlene Crawley, Interdisciplinary Science Program  
Donald Smith, Philosophy  
Robert Gains, Military Science and Leadership  
Tim Thurber, History  
Nicholas Farrell, Promotion & Tenure Committee  
Edward Boone, Statistical Science & Operations Research  
Robert L Sims, School of World Studies  
[representative], African-American Studies

## **1. Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and the revised minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

### 3. **Committee Reports**

**UAC** - UAC did not meet in December or January. Dean Mays reported that the University has purchased software for a searchable Bulletin. Therefore, any proposals starting next year will be submitted through an online procedure.

**GAC** - GAC meeting minutes were read aloud from Ron Evans' emailed report. Report will be placed on Bb.

**Technology Committee** - College has sent out HEETF applications - requests due by the end of March

**P&T** - unofficial report from Dean Baski on P&T updates - 17 3rd year reviews, 2 expedited P&T reviews in process

**UC** - UC did not meet in January.

**FS** - Task Force is working on re-focusing the Quest for Distinction. Discussed BOV report on diversity recruitment and retention, concerns regarding upcoming bicycle race, potential of tuition waiver for Faculty dependents on MP campus, as a version of this is already on MCV campus.

**Library Committee** - The library renovations are on schedule. There are concerns regarding individual Department positions on Scholar's Compass for online open access to original material - FC members were advised to discuss Departmental positions on Scholar's Compass Access and requesting an "Opt-In" instead of "Opt-Out" policy - email John Ulmschneider if you'd like a representative to come discuss with the faculty.

**ACM** - No major business to report

### 4. **Old Business:**

**Incomplete Grade Assignment Documentation** was reviewed and no additional concerns were reported.

**Update on MOOC Resolution** - Susan Bodnar, past CHSFC President proposed updates to the 13-14 MOOC Resolution based on feedback from Dean Coleman. The Resolution was revised and approved with one dissenting vote.

**College Faculty Bylaw Revision** - FC revised College Bylaws Article V Revisions were made and approved.

### 5. **President's Report**

In March, CHSFC President Turner will send emails to Departments regarding nomination of new FC members and eligibility for Board positions. Board nominations will be made in March. In April, he will be assisting the Dean's office with committee assignments.

The College has 62 open positions, 1 hire has already been completed. 17 positions are temp to perm positions in an effort to reduce adjunct use, many of the rest are Excellence hires.

Adjunct pay is expected to increase from 2300 to 2800 per 3-credit course.

The Provost has increased GTA numbers, but stipend increase is not likely to carry.

The Provost is working on strategies to reduce the D/F/W rate.

**6. New Business**

“Needs” grant committee formation: \$5,000 is available for disbursement to applying faculty. Members to initiate application process: Michael Fine (BIOL), Sarah Seashols-Williams (FRSC), Les Harrison (ENGL), Julio Alvarez (CHEM).

The remainder of FC membership will review the grants.

**7. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm. The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held **Monday, February 16, from 3pm-4:30pm in Room 308, Hibbs Hall.**

Submitted February 2, 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 and title.

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