

MINUTES

College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) Faculty Council 2014-2015

Monday, May 18, 2015; 308 Hibbs Hall

Attendees

Joseph Turner, CHSFC President, Chemistry
Julio C. Alvarez, CHSFC Parliamentarian, Chemistry
Sarah Seashols Williams, CHSFC Secretary, Forensic Science
Andrew Bristow, Mathematics & Applied Mathematics
Denis Demchenko, Physics
Edward Boone, Statistical Science & Operations Research
Christine Cynn, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
David Golumbia, English

Absent

William Hornsby, Kinesiology & Health Sciences
Les Harrison, English, Faculty Senate
Tim Thurber, History
Jason Arnold, Political Science
Donald Smith, Philosophy
Kathryn Murphy-Judy, Liberal Studies for Early and Elementary Education
Rowena Briones, Robertson School of Media and Culture
Michael L. Fine, Biology
Susan Bodnar-Deren, CHSFC Past President, Sociology
Joseph Topich, Undergraduate Academic Committee
Jim McCullough, Psychology
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
Ghidewon Abay-Asmerom, CHS Technology Committee
[representative], African-American Studies

1. Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 P.M.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

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

3. **Committee Reports**

UAC - UAC report was emailed and posted on Bb

GAC - No report given.

Technology Committee - 29th of April to prioritize HEETF funding for Instructional and Research funding requests. Members heard from departments and each member have submitted a ranking of the requests. The college will tally and work on these rankings to submit the request to higher ups. will be first meeting

P&T - No report given.

UC - No report given.

FS - Discussed the merit increases and passed resolution to make half of the raise pool non-merit based in order to account for 4+ years of no cost of living increases. Estimates of # of visitors to RVA for fall bike race has increased from 490,000 to 650,000 people.

University Council - No report given.

Library Committee - Library renovations are on track

ACM - No report given.

5. **Old Business:**

Needs grants: 8 of the 14 applications were funded, all of which were funded partially so that funding could be extended to more recipients. FC members showed concern that CHS was not funding the grants, but that they were from an anonymous donor, and thus show less buy-in from the College than preferred.

CHSFC Faculty Bylaws, Policies & Procedures: Approved bylaws will be posted publicly for comment and voted in first faculty meeting in Fall.

Non-Unit Member Votes - Dean's office has continued to fail to provide nominations - emails were sent in December, January, February, March, April and May and no nominations have been provided.

Proposed resolution regarding Presidential salary bonuses - support among faculty responses was positive in that a discussion regarding equitable compensation and bonuses is necessary, but the resolution may need further evaluation. This topic will be reopened in the fall.

6. President's Report

CHS Branding: Dean Coleman invited faculty to comment on branding materials handed out in April - please forward thoughts and comments from your faculty constituents.

7. New Business

VCU Provisions for childcare - Discussion focused primarily around ft faculty and particularly adjunct faculty who teach in the evenings and have no additional assistance (on-campus/convenient and financial) for childcare. Faculty pointed out that these provisions would benefit both faculty and students (in terms of instructional quality). This will be addressed in the first FC meeting in Fall 2015.

Faculty discussed having a mission or program for next year's Faculty Council that will actively touch all faculty's lives, such as mentorship and adjunct number/pay. All agreed that the first FC meeting in Fall 2015 should be a brainstorming session for the agenda of 2015-16 year.

LSEE Bylaws were reviewed and some suggestions were made to be sent back to LSEE.

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.

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