

**Advisory Council Minutes
College of Arts & Letters
October 26, 2017
321 Linton Hall**

Present: David Godden (PHL); Karen Kangas-Preston (THR); Jon Frey (AAHD); Suzanne Wagner (LingLang); Saulo Gouveia (RCS); Danielle DeVoss (WRAC); Salah Hassan (ENG); Tiffanie Quinn (UG Rep, ATD);

For CAL: Christopher Long (DEAN);

Initial Business:

Wagner convened the meeting at 2:18pm

Agenda and minutes were shared via D2L.

Agenda: DeVoss moved to approve; 2nd Hassan: The Agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes: Godden moved to approve, 2nd Gouveia; the October 5 minutes were approved unanimously.

Dean Long's Remarks & Discussion:

- Fall faculty meeting: feedback has been that the faculty has enjoyed an opportunity for conversation w/ the dean at these meetings; what other updates are needed?
- Dean Long was asked to prepare a statement to be shared with faculty in advance that shared the philosophical rationale behind the strategic initiatives; this statement can be used to help drive discussion at the meeting
- Dean Long was asked his thoughts regarding the discussion on role of the CAC;
 - higher level theoretically informed discussion on issues and how to put them into practice;
 - more back and forth conversations and not just updates
 - can schedule Dean Long into a longer part of the meeting so there is time for conversation;
 - inform us on the issues that are breaking so we can research and respond to it at the meeting;
 - advising about what issues are and where we (CAL) lie within that;
 - several themes that could be discussed: Excel network, undergrad education, entrepreneurship and innovation; allows more inclusion from students as well;

Council Business

Fall faculty meeting planning:

- What did units request?
 - LINGLANG—why the school?
 - WRAC—conversation around fair and equitable salary practices for NT faculty; what is CAL philosophy about the large number of NT faculty we have? Any changes coming from new NT faculty contract next year?

- PHL—what is happening with the shift to more Friday classes? (should ASMSU poll students on this? Should we poll within our units? Questioning the provost on the impact—and offering to find the impact w/in CAL);
- Several advisory committees have not met

Meeting Ideas:

- Things that must be done: approvals of agenda and spring minutes; committee reports; associate deans reports;
- Divide into subsets to have breakouts w/ Hart-Davidson, Fritzsche, Long—so faculty could choose who they need to hear information from?
 - Does this bridge the table discussions and large group information sharing? Will this generate topics for spring meeting? Would need record of conversations from each group; can convene as full group and get highlights; fall as generating topics with spring as action on issues?;
- Possibly send prompts before the meeting and allow a place to post comments/questions in the room?
 - Need agenda/direction/issue to respond to; looking at larger issues affecting humanities in general and how we can respond to it to funnel discussion productively; could use blog post as the “text” to generate discussion; will keep discussion focused;
 - CAC can identify prompts to help generate conversation
 - Can address these in the December CAC meeting with Dean Long
- Possibly bringing keynote to address trends in scholarship and education/on chosen topics and prompt themes for conversation; addressing problems in higher education in humanities with solutions from other institutes that we can explore;
- Addressing rumors to clarify facts; maybe inviting provost to see what her thoughts are on place for arts and humanities in the university;

Wagner will draft agenda; DeVoss will coordinate boards and stickies w/ Deanna Thomas;

Further Discussion on Role of CAC: tabled until December;

Bylaws: no new information since last month; have not gotten response from Fritzsche in regards to Frey’s suggestions from last month; need finalized joint appointment document in order to prompt changing of bylaws

Other

None.

DeVoss moved to adjourn; Godden 2nd;. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Kangas-Preston