



# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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**College Council Minutes**  
**March, 23, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Members Present: Kathryn Biddle, Joe Blaney, Natalie Burrell, Greg Ferrence, Stephanie Hedgespeth, Jennifer Howell, Gina Hunter, Larissa Kennedy, Kyle Lieberum, Nancy Lind, Dawn McBride, Sally Parry, Kacie Ryan, Marla Reese-Weber, Greg Simpson, Lisa Tranel, Heidi Verticchio

Members Absent: Daniel Breyer, Noah Mendenhall, Denise Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes approved from 02/16/18 – Nancy Lind moved to approve; Kyle Lieberum seconded

Dean's Remarks by Greg Simpson

- Changes to department Chairs
  - Sociology & Anthropology: Jim Skibo is retiring; Joan Brehm will be interim Chair
  - Social Work: Diane Zosky will be acting Dean for the next two years; Doris Houston will be acting Director for two years
  - Languages, Literatures, & Cultures: Bruce Burningham will be on sabbatical; Julie Lynd will serve as interim Chair
  - Women's & Gender Studies: Alison Bailey will be on sabbatical; Kyle Ciani from History will serve as interim Director
  - Philosophy: Chris Horvath, who has been interim Chair, has accepted the permanent Chair position
  - Economics: David Cleeton will be on sabbatical; Rachel Bowden from Biological Sciences will serve as interim Chair
- Faculty searches
  - 16 searches
    - 12 closed successfully
      - Most got 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choices
    - 1 failed search – Politics & Government
    - 1 offer on the table and looks promising
    - 2 (Sociology & Anthropology, Women's & Gender Studies) are still open.
    - Mentioned failed search was most likely due to timing as national meeting is in August and search was done in January.



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- Campus Climate
  - There was a need to bolster resources in Women's & Gender Studies, Latin American & Latino/a Studies, and African-American Studies
    - The College has given funds to these programs for revamping curricula and outreach/marketing
  - College has approved interdisciplinary faculty searches
    - African-American Studies & School of Communication
    - Women's and Gender Studies & Philosophy
    - Psychology & Latin American and Latino/a Studies

## Chair's Remarks by Gina Hunter

- April 3 -4, there is an open forum regarding the diversity requirement for graduation
- Distinguished Lecturer guidelines
  - Previously discussed nominations carrying over for 2 -3 years.
    - Joe Blaney asked to draw up concrete document for vote
  - Discussed change to Spring cycle dates for materials
    - Lind made motion to approve, Ferrence seconded

## Marla Reese-Weber's Remarks

- Budget
  - New NTT funding model
    - Permanent funding increased, temporary instruction funding decreased
  - Budget documents have gone to Provost
    - Report on what we did & what we will do
    - Greg presents on March 27<sup>th</sup> at about 10:15 at the Alumni Center. Open to public.
- Art Station
  - Hired director last fall
  - Have held interviews for Curator of Education position
    - Hope to have a hire (A/P) by late next week (3/30) with May 1-15 start



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## Joe Blaney's Remarks

- RPRC nominations
  - Sciences (CHE, GEO, MAT)
  - Social Sciences (HIS, POL, PSY, SOA, SWK)
    - Gina Hunter nominated
  - Humanities (COM, PHI)
- Excellence Awards deadline next Friday (3/30)
- Election Committee nominees needed
  - Members serve 1-year renewable terms
  - Gina can appoint these members

## Sally Parry's Remarks

- Thanks to the Commencement Speaker subcommittee (Kyle, Daniel, Denise, Nancy)
  - Ashley Shannon from the School of Communication chosen as speaker
- Enrollment
  - 3600 incoming Freshmen
  - 78% increase in applications
  - 12% increase in admissions
  - 7% decrease in graduate student applications
- Retention
  - Concerns over why retention rate from Freshman to Sophomore has dropped to 80%
    - More aggressive advising needed
    - Mid-term grades need to be posted
  - Transfer student retention up to 89%
    - Difference between transfers and non-transfer student retention rate could be those in majors vs. those not in majors
- Looking for nominees for Teaching and Service award committees
  - Nancy Lind volunteered wherever needed

## Dean's Remarks – additional

- Main Street College



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- April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Alumni Center
- Aimee Miller-Ott – “So Close, Yet So Far: Staying Connected When Your Cell Phone Pulls You Away”

Kyle Lieberum moved to adjourn at 11:01, Larissa Kennedy seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Hansen