



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Illinois State University

College Council Minutes
September 15, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Joe Blaney, Daniel Breyer, Natalie Burrell, Greg Ferrence, Stephanie Hedgespeth, Jennifer Howell, Gina Hunter, Hyun-Sook Kang, Larissa Kennedy, Kyle Lieberum, Nancy Lind, Dawn McBride, Noah Mendenhall, Kacie Ryan, Marla Reese-Weber, Greg Simpson, Lisa Tranel

Members Absent: Kathryn Biddle, Sally Parry, Denise Thomas, Heidi Verticchio,

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Around the room to introduce all members – Welcome!

Minutes from 4/21/17 were approved – Nancy Lind moves to approve; Larissa Kennedy seconds.

Dean's Remarks by Greg Simpson

- New department chairs
 - Ross Kennedy, History
 - T.Y. Wang, Politics & Government
 - Chris Horvath, Interim, Philosophy
- This year, the College will have 2 searches for new chairs: Philosophy and Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Faculty Recruitment
 - Will be recruiting for 16 positions: 13 new faculty, 2 failed searches from last year, 1 non-reappointment
 - State budget reputation lead to smaller pools las year, hoping this will not be the case this year
- Provost Enhancements
 - More money is available for hiring and other purposes due to reserves, thus more Provost Enhancement money is available this year
 - \$150,000 in help with faculty startups
 - Temporary funding (upgrades/travel) allocated for projects in the Department of Chemistry, School of Communication, the Planetarium, faculty/staff computer re-caps, and Communication Sciences and Disorders audio/video equipment for supervision



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- Interdisciplinary Initiatives
 - Women's and Gender Studies has lost 4 faculty members since last January
 - This year will be looking to hire a new WGS/Sociology & Anthropology faculty, and another WGS faculty
 - \$60,000 is once again available for small interdisciplinary team proposals (\$6,000 each)
 - African-American Studies
 - Dean Simpson met with Touré Reed to discover that the current curriculum is not reflective of what is being taught as those that created the curriculum are no longer at ISU
 - Working to develop better programming and secure more funding
- The Art Station
 - Coming from a series of generous gifts from a donor, the Art Station has been created. It will be an interactive center for children and families to experience art since the arts are getting less respect in public education
 - Isra El-Beshir, new director, has officially accepted the position and will start on October 16th
- Homecoming game day is October 21st
 - CAS Office will have a tent, all are welcome to stop by!
- Campaign will become official tomorrow, 9/16
 - Currently, 60% through campaign and CAS is 71% through our goal
 - Steph Sellers, our development officer, did an impressive job fundraising last year accomplishing 138% of her goal
- World Wide Campus Fund
 - Established over 2 years ago to help students fund travel abroad trips
 - Needed \$25,000 to be endowed, thanks to 2 generous donations in the last 2 years
 - Now able to award \$750/semester
 - This fall, gave out first award to a French Education major currently studying abroad in France

Chair's Remarks by Gina Hunter

- Will send an email to the Council describing the various subcommittees and ask for everyone's top 2 choices



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- Should we have another meeting with the *Educating Illinois* Task Force to discuss the new plan? Council agreed we do not need another meeting, will provide feedback through other means if so inclined

Marla Reese-Weber's Remarks

- Primarily working with the Art Station director search
- Distinguished professor nominations and Sabbatical requests are due to CAS office by October 2
- In 2 weeks, Marla will begin meeting with each school/department individually to discuss budget

Sally Parry's Remarks – not in attendance, provided by email and read by Marla

- The deadline for nominees for the College and University teaching and service awards are due to the College next Tuesday, September 19
- A new University committee has been formed to investigate the possibility of the U.S. Diversity graduation requirement. The impetus came from the Campus Climate survey last year. The committee hopes to come up with a recommendation by early spring semester

Joe Blaney's Remarks

- Research award nominations are also due next Tuesday, September 19
- Research Proposal Review Committee has a vacancy in the sciences, a new member has been identified, will be brought forth for election at next College Council meeting
- There is a student vacancy on the CAS Technology Advisory Committee
 - Cannot be from School of Communication
 - Meets one time per semester, but has some minor online work throughout
 - Can be undergraduate or graduate student
 - Cannot currently serve on College Council

Kyle Lieberum moved to adjourn at 10:44, Lisa Tranel seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

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