



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Illinois State University

College Council Minutes
October 13, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Kathryn Biddle, 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, Kacie Ryan, Marla Reese-Weber, Greg Simpson, Denise Thomas, Lisa Tranel, Heidi Verticchio

Members Absent: Sally Parry, Noah Mendenhall

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Around the room to introduce all members – Welcome!

Minutes from 9/15/17 were approved – Nancy Lind moves to approve; Dawn McBride seconds.

Dean's Remarks by Greg Simpson

- Campaign Kick-Off on September 16th went well
 - Denica Avant and Doris Houston have received a grant for First Star – an initiative for foster youths as young as 9th grade to visit college campuses to get familiar and comfortable prior to entering college
 - Part of the campaign will be a \$1 million donation for scholarships for foster youths once they are accepted to ISU
 - It is an expendable fund, which means all money in it will be used
- Sabbatical leaves are due to the Office of the Provost today
 - 26 applicants this year (39 last year)
 - Hoping to have all approved this year - this was not the case last year as there are policies regarding how much of total Tenure Track faculty can be on sabbatical leave at one time (5%)
- Main Street College Lecture will be held on 11/2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alumni Center – the topic is water
- Distinguished Lecture will be held on 11/7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Main Room – Maria Smith will present “Tales Told by the Bones: The Archaeology of the Human Skeleton”

Chair's Remarks by Gina Hunter

- Several CAS faculty are involved in making ISU a “fair trade” campus



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- October is fair trade awareness month – which requires placing fair trade items to be available for purchase as several campus locations
- If ISU receives this designation we will be the first public university to do so in the state of Illinois (DePaul University is currently the only other fair trade campus in the state)
- As part of the initiative there will be ‘noon seminars’ – partially funded through CAS interdisciplinary grants – to discuss various fair trade topics and initiatives
- October 25 there will be a presentation on cocoa and will double as a campus launch for the fair trade initiative
- Thanks to everyone for making subcommittee selection so easy!
- Committee work will begin shortly for the Distinguished Lecturer committee
- Committee membership is as follows:

Distinguished Lecturer Selection Committee

Heidi Verticchio
Jennifer Howell
Kacie Ryan
Natalie Burrell

Commencement Speaker Selection Committee

Kyle Lieberum
Daniel Breyer
Denise Thomas
Nancy Lind
Noah Mendenhall

Council Bylaws Committee

Katy Biddle
Lisa Tranel

Council Budget Committee

Gregory Ferrence
Dawn McBride
Larissa Kennedy
Hyun-Sook Kang

CAS Scholarship Selection Committee, Council Rep

Gina Hunter

Marla Reese-Weber's Remarks

- Currently holding budget meetings with all chairs/directors and lead staff
- Received \$80,000 in Provost enhancement funds for faculty/staff computer recaps
- ASPT documents are being updated as the University ASPT document has been updated
- Art Station Director – Isra El-Beshir – starts this coming Monday, October 16
- Homecoming is next weekend, CAS will have a tent in the Tent Zone – all are welcome to stop by!



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

- Service and teaching awards are being evaluated

Joe Blaney's Remarks

- Research Proposal Review Committee has a vacancy in the sciences, a new member has been identified – George Rutherford – Nancy Lind nominates, Gina Hunter seconds - approved by Council
 - Will be working on the College level research award selection
- 3MT – Three Minute Thesis Competition
 - Call has been sent to departments for the graduate school
 - January 29 will be the college level competition in Stevenson Hall Room 101, 3:00 p.m.
 - February 23 will be the university level competition at Normal Theater, 7:00 p.m.
 - Joe announced that Legal Counsel was able to find a way to ensure that the winners receive the actual cash as opposed to it just applying to their financial aid package

Daniel Breyer: Can we look into making all student scholarship awards actual cash awards, not just money that goes against their financial aid? Joe will look into this.

Greg Ferrence: As an Academic Senate representative be aware that there are changes being made to the university ASPT document that the Senate is looking for feedback on

- Significant change will be putting departments/schools in charge of faculty sanctions, dismissals and suspensions

Kyle Lieberum moved to adjourn at 10:50, Natalie Burrell seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

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