CLA Senate Minutes

Oct 18, 2021

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Approved unanimously at 3:01pm.

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Approved unanimously at 3:02pm.

1. **Dean’s report**

Dean Tyson King Meadows spoke. Projects in the works include:

* Holistic approach to student success, working with CLA advising and CLA First
* Lessons learned from canceled, low-enrollment classes, and how that improve future scheduling
* Undergraduate research fund
* Pedagogical innovation fund and other professional development opportunities for faculty, including three major RFPs
* Modifying Dean’s Travel Fund to be on rolling basis
* Development of three-year strategic hiring plan.
* Policy-across-disciplines awards with McCormack Graduate School.
* Resource acquisition with Advancement
* Increasing the visibility of CLA and the liberal arts in particular

Events coming up in November to allow Dean to meet with staff, faculty, and students

Questions from senators

* What is “activities-based budgeting”? Incentivizes innovation in faster increments.
* Remote instruction going forward, where it matches pedagogical need? Chancellor and provost want us to return (safely) to F2F. Requests will be evaluated in terms of meeting needs of students as well as larger campus.
* Expand on pedagogical innovation fund, and how it may connect to community engagement projects? Designed for curricular re/design, broadly understood; and community engagement always a priority.
* Timing of new Dean’s Travel Grant? Dean would like to tie to AY and not fiscal year. (In follow-up comments from Louise Putnam, she explained how this is possibly in the works; also about current paper trails that need to happen for travel at the moment.)

Afterward, Senators discussed continued confusion over some of this terminology, and concerns about budgeting that “chases” innovation; Moderator has put this, and some other follow-up concerns, on her agenda for when she meets with the Dean.

Senators should send budget questions to Hugh O’Connell, Interim Chair of CLA Budget, Planning, and Review Committee.

1. **Moderator’s report**
   1. November is open meeting; remind departments.
   2. If your department has suggestions for Curriculog/governance improvements, bring them to Sarah Hamblin, new chair of that committee. They are also working on guidance documents.
   3. Working with GenEd committee on new courses: When someone proposes a new course seeking GenEd distributions, e-mail Neal Bruss once it’s in Curriculog, and creator can work with that committee in the early stages of review process to revise, so that by the time course gets to Senate, it’s all smooth sailing through governance. If you have concerns about changes being requested from Gen Ed, let moderator know.
2. **Proposals from AAC**
   1. **New courses**
      * ANTH347
      * ASIAN280
      * CLSICS311
      * HIST337
      * HIST339

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* 1. **Changes to existing courses**
* AMST285: Cross-list with History
* AMST402L: Cross-list with History; change title; change pre-reqs

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1. **Old business**
   1. ART Report: Concern with proposed change to undecided “home” and University College; tied to professionalization language across campus. We should probably be submitting our response now, in advance of committee meetings.
   2. Fall COVID concerns: Faculty shared concerns, with main concerns being:

* Continued safety issues in terms of space, air circulation, traffic flow, etc.
* Pedagogical failures flowing downstream from these safety issues.

Other concerns:

* Double standard of “full return to campus” but faculty not being allowed to travel for work.
* Counseling Center reported to one faculty member not being available for class visits because of being so understaffed that they can only do critical response.
* Students sharing concerns about difficulty of gathering information, including getting/reading results of their COVID tests.

1. **New business**
   1. MHSP Certificate proposal guidelines: Have been established for proposing certificates. Will eventually be incorporated into Curriculog documentation. In the meantime, departments can reach out to Moderator and/or MHSP.
   2. TA committee: Deferred to November.
2. **Adjourn**

Meeting ended at 4:39pm.