

College of Arts and Letters
Faculty Assembly
EE 303
November 13, 2017
(Minutes)

11:03

- Chairperson William Trapani calls meeting to order, welcomes and introduces Dr. Flyod, Dean, Graduate School, to Faculty Assembly

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- Dean of Graduate School introduces Nora Oragon, Leanna Smith, Assistant Dean for degree completion; draws attention to report from ad hoc group formed over the summer, re: advise what to do in case new moneys are to be received by the Graduate School; informed that group met for four weeks, with following recommendations being subsequently endorsed by Graduate Council, part of the University's Faculty Senate:
 - Request for 2 million dollars to offer health insurance to 950 graduate students, on an opt in basis, noting that if students opts in, university pays 75% of cost;
 - Revision of current classification of graduate students, so as to better account for doctoral students doing research, and better reflect wide range of work performed graduate students;
 - Minimum pay for graduate students to be \$5,000 per semester (18 weeks);
 - To said end, request was made to Provost for \$950,000, with the College of Arts and Letters poised to receive \$450,000 to \$500,000 of said amount;
 - Deans to determine benchmarks for tier of graduate students (minimum to be paid to, e.g., MA students, MFA students, Ph.D. students)
- Dean Floyd further informs that:
 - By way of update, above request for health insurance funding was denied;
 - Graduate School is seeking increased control of 1.3 million dollars currently controlled by Financial Aid, and which stem from graduate student fees;
 - Holliday bonuses for graduate students are \$800, before taxes
 - Graduate students should be encouraged to communicate with Financial Aid, specifically, Zuzanne Patton, <pattons@fau.edu>.
- When asked:
 - To provide example of "ridiculous low" minimum wage for graduate students at FAU, Dean Floyd mentions \$4,000 per semester being paid to GTA in the Department of History;

- About holiday bonus and possible workaround involving graduate outgoing students, informed Graduate School was aware of problem.
- About possibility of taxing tuition waiver, informed not being sure, and deferred to Kevin Wagner, Chair of Political Science and President of University's Faculty Senate, who, in turn, informed the Faculty Senate was discussing said issue.

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- Chairperson presented minutes from previous Faculty Assembly; a motion to approved minutes without modification was presented, seconded, and subsequently unanimously approved.
- Chairperson presents Chair's Report, noting:
 - SPE is coming next year, and that the College has a policy and appellate committee will be constitutes this year, so it is in place next year, AY 2018-19;
 - Mary Cameron from Anthropology will represent college on Faculty Senate's committee on Provost Memorandum on Textbook Affordability, with findings to become a resolution to be subsequently presented to the Provost;
 - Upcoming items: Rollback of some protections regarding sexual harassment, federal government policies, DACA, restrictions on invited / external speakers
 - Request for representative from satellite campus, as required by the Faculty Assembly's Bylaws. [Note: no one from satellite campuses presents, via videoconference].

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- Dean Michael Horswell delivers Dean's Report, noting:
 - Deanship is now complete, with naming of Dr. Arias as Associate Dean for Research and Creative Activities;
 - Two new chairs: Dr. Maria Banchetti, Department of Philosophy, and Dr. Wagner, Department of Political Science;
 - Fundraising news: Two major gifts, \$50,000 each (for Theater Lab);
 - \$300,000 grant to Theater Lab to do community outreach;
 - Grant to fund European linguist for next two years;
 - Formation of The Americas Project, directed by Dr. Taylor Haygood, and focusing on hemispheric studies, with next meeting scheduled for Nov. 30;
 - Existence of Global Studies Degree Group, open to all faculty, with interested faculty to please email Dean Horswell;
 - Existence of new person and position at the Dean's Office, Sisy Livingston, student communication specialist, to head efforts to improve communication with alumni, <slivingston@fau.edu>.
 - Tweeting activity of Dean, exclusively about university matters;
 - Florida Brazil Summit, to happen tomorrow, 14 Nov., organized by Department of Political Science and Dr. Aimee Arias, former chairperson of said department;
 - That he will soon address Board of Trustees on program reviews of three departments within the College, stressing low;

- That Dean Barrios and Prof. Larocco, from the Department of Theater, are to represent the College in Provost's Textbook Compliance and Affordability Committees, respectively;
 - That Coffee Talks with Dean are going well.
- Asked about:
- Update on certificate programs, notes that report to be prepared by next Faculty Assembly meeting, 26 February 2018, with some said certificate programs being dormant, some active;
 - About giving certificate before degree is completed, notes item is on agenda for today's Faculty Senate meeting;
 - Academic Service-Learning designation of courses within the College, promises to follow up.

12:13

- Dr. Eric Hanne, from Department of History, and member of SUS Civics Literacy Committee, reports on said committee's developments, noting:
- Civic literacy requirement and course options to demonstrate federal and state civics; [All particulars in Power Point presentation accompanying these minutes]
 - Said requirement will have a notable impact on the College
- Asked about:
- Federal vs. State civics, answers that emphasis is to fall on "American" or U.S. Government;
 - Possibility of taking an online (mini) class, and then take a test in order to fulfill said requirement, answers, "Yes, there has been discussion on that, but nothing has been decided," and reminds Faculty Assembly that SUS Civics Literacy Committee is advisory;
 - Possibility of non-credit option, or of 1 credit course, notes that it was considered at some point, adding that 23 states are moving towards a civics requirement, with Dean subsequently noting that said requirement would entail a \$500,000 expense for the College;
 - This requirement as being an actually good thing, notes that approximately 3,000 additional students are to be expected in the College (respective Departments of History and Political Science) which would house courses satisfying said requirement, likely to be staffed by a total of four lines, these being 3 Instructors and 1 Assistant Professor.

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- Department Chairs, or senior faculty, introduce new faculty, as follows:
- Dr. Michael Harris, former Chair of Department of Philosophy, introduces Dr. Robert Leib, Visiting Assistant Professor;

- Dr. Eric Hanne, Associate Professor, Department of History, introduces Dr. Carl Suddler, Assistant Professor;
- Dr. William Trapani, Associate Professor, School of Communications and Multimedia Studies, introduces Dr. Christina DeWalt, Assistant Professor; Dr. Adam Smith, Assistant Professor; and, Prof. Demetrius Duke, Instructor.


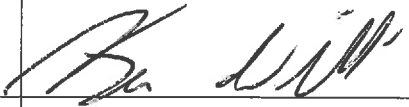

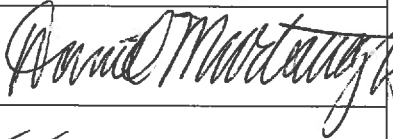
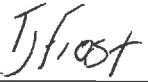
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- For the good of the college:
 - Dr. Michael Harris, Chair, Department of Anthropology, notes that Promotion and Tenure Committee is shifting to a digital system, so that all faculty will need to put in their respective vitae into system, line by line, with said system to also include annual and third year reviews;
 - Dr. Kevin Wagner, President, University Faculty Senate, reminds Faculty Assembly of two upcoming UFS meetings, namely, December meeting, to feature Dr. John Kelly, President, Florida Atlantic University, and January meeting, to feature Jeff Attwater, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and CFO, Florida Atlantic University.

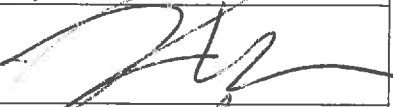

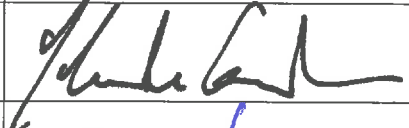




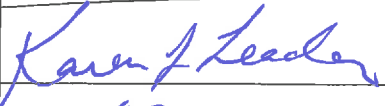
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- Meeting adjourned

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Attendance Sheet
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<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>William Trapani</i>	
<i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>Kevin Wilt</i>	
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mauricio Almonte</i>	
<i>Steering Committee</i>	<i>Daniel Murtaugh</i>	
<i>Steering Committee</i>	<i>Tiffany Frost</i>	

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 Guest Sign-in Sheet
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Department	Name	Signature
Dean's office	Aimer Arias	
Political Science	Kevin Wagner	
LLCL	NANCY POULSON	
LLCL	Yolanda Gamba	
History	ERIC J. HARVE	
Political Science	Annette LaRocco	
ARTH	M. HARRIS	
Dean's office	M. Horswell	
Pol. Sci	Jeffrey	
VAAH	K. LEADER	
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