

College of Arts & Letters Advisory Council Meeting
March 2, 2017
321 Linton Hall

Minutes

Present: Chris Long, Jon Frey (AAHD), Suzanne Wagner (L&L), Kristie Dotson (PHL), Julie Lindquist (WRAC), Anna Norris (RCS), Karen Kangas Preston (THR), Salah Hassan (ENG), Molefi Branson (Student), Olivia Gorczyca (Student)

At 3:20 Jon Frey, CAC Chair, called the meeting to order.

1. Committee members approved the agenda for the March 2, 2017 meeting.
2. Committee members approved the minutes of the February 2, 2017
3. Dean Chris Long made the following remarks:
 - a. Updated the committee on hiring processes in the CAL Departments
 - i. English ran 3 searches this year:
 1. Senior hirer African American
 2. Senior hire in Film Studies
 3. Junior hire in Creative Writing
 - ii. WRAC ran two searches this year:
 1. African American Cultural Rhetoric
 2. Native American Cultural Rhetoric
 - iii. AAHD ran a search in
 1. Graphic Design
 - b. Discussed the plans for the future School of Languages
 - i. Jason Merrill will serve as Interim chair of Ling and Lang 2017-18
 1. CAC will review the L&L self study submitted to College
 - ii. 2017-18 national search to hire a director of the School
 - iii. Fall 2018 launch of the new School of Languages
 - c. Introduced Melissa Staub and Ken Deslover who presented on the CAL Staff Project (Strategic Planning and Development)
 - i. CAL is preparing for a reorganization of staff with the following goals:
 1. Support department and faculty
 2. Support new initiatives, especially support for research, grant applications (pre and post-award)
 3. Support for technology, such as faculty and web presence
 - ii. The reorganization entails a) review of staff positions (professional development, retraining, growth, etc) and b) review of resource management

4. The Dean responded to questions concerning:
 - a. The decision to discontinue the CAL Awards Ceremony
 - i. Dean Long explained that the decision was based on low attendance and the importance of Departmental Award Ceremonies
 - b. Discussions with CSS concerning their development of gender and sexuality and ethnicity and race studies minors using CAL courses
 - i. Dean Long explained that in the agreement between CAL and CSS on the overlapping minors, CAL minors in ethnic studies and gender studies will count in fulfillment of the CSS requirement that all students have a minor.
5. Report on faculty feedback regarding CAL RPT committee composition
 - a. Department will be polled on RPT process
 - b. Distribution of CAC handout/questionnaire to department chairs
6. Prepare ballot for full faculty elections for university committees
 - a. Ballot was approved as revised.
7. New and Other Business: No additional business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Salah D. Hassan (ENG) on April 3, 2017