

College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly
April 15, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

ANTHROPOLOGY:	A. Beyin, J. Haws, L. Markowitz, S. Parkhurst, J. Peteet, J. Zhao
BIOLOGY:	J. Alexander, R. Fell, S. Remold, D. Schultz, D. Yoder-Himes
CLASSICAL & MODERN LANG.:	W. Cunningham, M. Dalle, T. Dumstorf, B. Fonseca-Gruber, J. Gabbard, J. Greene, M. Groenewold, G. Hutcheson, A. Leidner, M. Miller, F. Nuessel, L. Wagner, W. Yoder
COMMUNICATION:	M. D'Silva, L. Della, S. Esrock, A. Futrell, R. Merkel, S. Phillips
CRIMINAL JUSTICE:	D. Keeling
ENGLISH:	D. Anderson, J. Dietrich, A. Jaffe, A. Rabin, G. Ridley, S. Ryan, E. Wise
FINE ARTS:	Y. Chan, L. Friesen
GEOGRAPHY/GEOSCIENCES:	D. Biddle, D. Howarth, P. McCutcheon, K. Mountain, W. Song, F. Stevens
HISTORY:	B. Beattie, L. Kelland, D. Vivian
MATHEMATICS:	B. Bradley, U. Darji, L. Larson, T. Riedel, D. Swanson
PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES:	L. Best, C. Byrd, J. Carew
PHILOSOPHY:	J. Gibson, S. Hanson, A. Kolers, D. Owen
PHYSICS:	D. Brown, C. Jayanthi
POLITICAL SCIENCE:	J. Abbott, J. Farrier, R. Payne, L. Rhodebeck
SOCIOLOGY:	J. Busch, D. Potter, R. Schroeder
THEATRE ARTS:	N. Burton, R. Vandenbroucke
WOMEN'S & GENDER ST:	J. Griffin, D. Heinecken, S. Jarosi, N. Theriot

Dr. Andrew Rabin convened the Faculty Assembly at 2:54 PM.

The faculty voted unanimously to approve the graduate and undergraduate candidates for May 2016 graduation.

Dr. Rabin recognized Dr. David Schultz, who, on behalf of the honors committee, presented Mr. James-Dean Wood as the 2016 Woodcock Medalist.

Dr. Rabin next recognized Dean Kimberly Leonard to introduce Dr. Neville Pinto, Interim Executive Vice President and University Provost. After brief introductory comments, Dr. Pinto

opened the floor to questions. Dr. Dawn Heinecken asked the interim provost what he could do to improve transparency and communication between central administration and the units, leading to a discussion of existing structures and their “failures” and the need for plans to guarantee that information reaches faculty members through their departments, the Faculty Assembly and the Faculty Senate. Dr. Heinecken noted that Dr. Pinto had never issued a formal response to the Faculty Assembly’s memorandum concerning faculty salary equity adjustments dated January 22, 2016 (approved by the body at its February 19, 2016, meeting). Dr. Chakram Jayanthi asked Dr. Pinto about continuing support for the University’s research priorities in the face of state budget cuts. Dr. Pinto insisted that the University’s research mission will be fully supported and indicated that the funds allocated to support research endeavors will be in the 2016-17 budget. Dr. Susan Jarosi asked the interim provost to clarify his comments on strategic enrollment initiatives, noting that attempts to increase the student population with a plan to provide the classes, faculty, and services they would need would be a significant problem. Dr. Pinto responded that strategic enrollment planning does not necessarily mean growth; rather, it means think about enrollment and academic programming through careful, coordinated planning. He stated that, given budgetary realities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, it is reasonable to expect that state appropriations will likely continue to decrease. Meanwhile, significant tuition increases could negatively impact college affordability of the population that the University seeks to serve. Therefore, the University’s best path forward is to increase the total number of dollars available from tuition. Dr. Greg Hutcheson asked Dr. Pinto about his vision for A&S’s role at UofL given recent comments by the governor and the lieutenant governor that seemed dismissive of the humanities. This occasioned an extended discussion of how A&S’ programs and accomplishments could be better marketed to various constituencies and how central administration should advocate for A&S before politicians who devalue humanistic education. Dr. Pinto replied to such suggestions by saying that he believes that responding to these “preposterous” comments in an adversarial manner is counterproductive.

Dr. Rabin next called for nominees from the floor to serve as President and Parliamentarian for 2016-17. Dr. Aaron Jaffe asked if the vote could be deferred as several faculty members had left by this point in the meeting. Dr. Rabin explained that the College’s by-laws require that the votes be taken on the floor (Section VII A) and asked Dr. Jaffe if he wanted to make a quorum call. Dr. Susan Jarosi motioned for a quorum call and, there no longer being a quorum, the Faculty Assembly was adjourned at 3:47 PM.