

College of Arts and Sciences
Meeting of Faculty Assembly
SK 102

December 1, 2017

2:00-3:15 PM

ATTENDANCE:

ANTHROPOLOGY: J. Haws, S. Parkhurst
BIOLOGY: C. Corbitt, L. Fuselier, D. Schultz
CHEMISTRY: R. Buchanan, L. Hoyt, A. Powe
CLASSICAL & MODERN LANG.: K. Almously, L. Baixauli-Olmos, R. Buchanan, D. Coyne, M. Dalle, L. Dray, T. Dumstorff, T. Edison, B. Fonseca-Gruber, J. Gabbard, M. Groenewold, M. Hencker, G. Hutcheson, R. Jennings-Arey, A. Leidner, R. Luginbill, M. Makris, A. Mastri, J. Minges, F. Nuessel, S. Owolabi, W. Pfeffer, R. Roebuck, C. Sullivan, L. Wagner, M. Wu, W. Yoder, L. Zeng
COMMUNICATION: J. Ferré, J. Hart
COMPARATIVE HUMANITIES: P. Beattie, S. Bertacco, P. Pranke, T. Stewart, Jr.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE: D. Keeling
ENGLISH: D. Anderson, S. Biberman, K. Chandler, A. Clukey, J. Dietrich, P. Griner, F. Kelderman, K. Kopelson, D. Lutz, I. McDonald, K. Maxwell, A. Olinger, C. Petrosino, G. Ridley,
GEOGRAPHY/GEOSCIENCES: C. Day, A. Gaughan, D. Howarth, F. Stevens
HISTORY: B. Beattie, B. Bowman, J. Westerfeld
MATHEMATICS: T. Riedel
PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES: L. Best, J. Carew, P. McCutcheon, T. Rajack-Talley
PHILOSOPHY: A. Kolers, D. Owen
PHYSICS: R. Chastain
POLITICAL SCIENCE: A. Caldwell, A. Enders, J. Farrier, T. Gray, L. Moyer, R. Payne, S. Wallace
PSYCHOLOGY: L. Haynes, S. Meeks
SOCIOLOGY: M. Austin, K. Christopher, R. Schroeder
THEATRE ARTS: R. Vandenbroucke
WOMEN'S & GENDER ST: J. Griffin, D. Heinecken, S. Jarosi, D. Pecknold, K. Story, N. Theriot

Dr. Karen Christopher, Chair, called the Faculty Assembly to order at 2:04 PM.

When Dr. Christopher asked for announcements, Dr. Diane Pecknold informed the Faculty Assembly that the registration web site for the 2018 Celebration of Teaching and Learning is now live at <http://louisville.edu/delphi/programs/celebration> and additional information about the event will be forthcoming.

As its first item of new business, the Faculty Assembly unanimously approved the slate of candidates for December 2018 graduation.

The next item of business was approval of the proposed undergraduate certificate in Applied Geospatial Technologies. Dr. Christopher recognized Dr. Jasmine Farrier, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, who outlined the proposal's contents. Students seeking the credential would earn it by taking existing courses. The certificate would be earned in a 100% online environment. P&B expressed concern that changes to the University's distance education funding model could negatively impact the certificate, which would be funded through DE revenue, but both P&B and the Curriculum Committee recommended that the Assembly approve it. The Faculty Assembly approved the proposed certificate program unanimously.

Dr. Farrier then presented on the proposed interdisciplinary minor in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics on Planning and Budget's behalf. The proposed PPE minor would create two new PPE courses, a gateway course and a capstone, with the remaining hours to be earned through existing courses. P&B voiced concerns about the proposed minor's impact on AWP's since the proposal involves shared teaching of the two proposed PPE courses. After a brief conversation of how the proposed minor would be funded, the Faculty Assembly approved the proposed PPE minor with one abstention.

Attention next turned to the proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure-Track Teaching Positions first discussed at the November 17th meeting. Dr. Christopher presented the following draft of the committee's charge developed by eight volunteers:

Motion for Ad-hoc Faculty Assembly Committee on Tenure-Track Teaching Positions (TTTP)

The Committee will explore the feasibility of Tenure-Track Teaching positions for A&S, including:

1. investigating other universities' use of TTT positions
2. exploring the structural and cultural implications of TTT positions for our College
3. creating concrete policy recommendations for our College
4. working with Professor Linda Fuselier and the Undergraduate Directors to explore methods of teaching evaluation

The committee will present a report to Faculty Assembly by April 20, 2017.

Composition of the TTTP committee: To ensure the representation of term faculty who want to serve, the Faculty Assembly chair will select three term faculty members. A&S Faculty will vote

on the remaining six faculty members of the committee, who will be distributed equally across the three units.

The TTTP committee also invites Professor Linda Fuselier, who is as an Undergraduate Director coordinator and investigates methods of teaching evaluation, and a member of A&S Personnel Committee to serve as members. The TTTP committee may also consult with members of A&S Planning & Budget Committee.

Discussion of this draft was wide-ranging. Dr. Beth Willey began the conversation by objecting that contingent faculty would not be a part of the committee. Dr. Christopher acknowledged this, stating that the committee was unclear how it might obtain the names of contingent faculty and how they might be incorporated into the committee. In subsequent discussion of this point, it was noted that a representative body for contingent faculty exists and that contingent faculty are included on the College's faculty listserv. As written, the proposal does not prevent contingent faculty from standing for election to the committee.

Since this committee's creation is proposed, at least in part, by concerns related to the University's pursuit of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, Dr. Susan Jarosi recommended that someone familiar with previous Phi Beta Kappa applications be appointed to the committee. Dr. Jarosi also suggested that someone familiar with faculty salary issues be appointed to the committee. In discussion of Phi Beta Kappa, Drs. Greg Hutcheson and Wendy Pfeffer recommended that these faculty members serve in advisory capacities, not be appointed to the committee. This proposal was moved, seconded, and approved by the Faculty Assembly.

Dr. David Owen recommended that language be added to the first item in the committee's charge to indicate that the committee would examine how other UofL units use tenure-track teaching positions. This item was discussed, but no formal motion to add it was proposed. Discussion next turned to Dr. Dawn Heinecken's objection to the fourth item in the draft proposal. Dr. Heinecken objected that this would be duplicative work since the undergraduate directors are already working on this issue and because, she argued, it would be impossible to create a one-size-fits-all teaching evaluation for such a diverse college. After an extended conversation about the evaluation of teaching, Dr. Heinecken's motion that item #4 be deleted was defeated 45 to 13. Edits to the original language in item #4 were then proposed. The proposed edits were approved with 2 opposing votes and five abstentions. Edits to the language in item #2 were proposed to add "economic" after structural. The edits were approved with one opposing vote and one abstention. Dr. Hutcheson recommended that a member of the AAUP leadership team serve in an advisory capacity and Dr. Jarosi agreed to do so. This friendly amendment was approved with one abstention. Finally, the Faculty Assembly approved swapping the third and fourth items.

The Faculty Assembly approved the following as the Ad-Hoc Committee on Tenure-Tracking Teaching Positions' charge:

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The Committee will explore the feasibility of Tenure-Track Teaching positions for A&S, including:

1. investigating other universities' use of TTT positions
2. exploring the structural, economic, and cultural implications of TTT positions for our College
3. seeking input from Professor Linda Fuselier and the Undergraduate Directors regarding methods of teaching evaluation
4. creating concrete policy recommendations for our College

The committee will present a report to Faculty Assembly by April 20, 2018.

Composition of the TTTP committee: To ensure the representation of term faculty who want to serve, the Faculty Assembly chair will select three term faculty members. A&S Faculty will vote on the remaining six faculty members of the committee, who will be distributed equally across the three divisions.

The TTTP committee also invites Professor Linda Fuselier, who is as an Undergraduate Director coordinator and investigates methods of teaching evaluation, along with a member of A&S Personnel Committee to serve as members. The TTTP committee may also consult with members of A&S Planning & Budget Committee. The TTTP committee also invites a recent member of the Phi Beta Kappa Application committee and Professor Susan Jarosi, as a representative of the AAUP and the Faculty Salary Committee, to serve in an advisory capacity.

Faculty wishing to stand for election to this committee should contact Dr. Christopher.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.