

College of Arts and Sciences
Meeting of Faculty Assembly
HM 100

September 28, 2018

3:00-4:15 PM

STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

ATTENDANCE:

ANTHROPOLOGY:	A. Beyin, F. Crespo, J. Peteet, C. Tillquist, J. Zhao
BIOLOGY:	L. Fuselier, R. Hopp, M. Menze, D. Schultz
CHEMISTRY:	C. Grapperhaus, S. Handa, A. Powe
CLASSICAL & MODERN LANG.:	L. Baixauli-Olmos, R. Buchanan, D. Coyne, M. Dalle, L. Dray, T. Edison, B. Fonseca-Gruber, J. Gabbard, M. Hencker, G. Hutcheson, A. Leidner, M. Makris, J. Minges, M. Wu, W. Yoder, L. Zeng
COMMUNICATION:	M. Cunningham, L. Della, J. Ferré
COMPARATIVE HUMANITIES:	P. Beattie, H. Cruz, A. Hall, A. Kostakis, M. Moazzen, N. Polzer, P. Pranke, E. Wise
CRIMINAL JUSTICE:	D. Keeling
ENGLISH:	S. Biberman, D. Billingsley, K. Chandler, A. Golding, K. Hadley, F. Kelderman, K. Kopelson, D. Lotz, A. Olinger, S. Ryan, I. Stansel
FINE ARTS:	M. Carothers, Y. Chan, M. Eckert, B. Hanger, D. Lai, S. Massey R. Singel
GEOGRAPHY/GEOSCIENCES:	A. Gaughan, D. Howarth, K. Mountain, W. Song, F. Stevens, H. Zhang
HISTORY:	B. Beattie, L. Kelland, T. Mackey, C. Yingling
MATHEMATICS:	B. Bradley, R. Gill, A. Kézdy, H. Kulosman, R. Powers, T. Riedel, S. Seif, D. Swanson, J. Wildstrom, X. Zhu
PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES:	J. Carew, T. Fleming, T. Rajack-Talley
PHILOSOPHY:	J. Gibson, A. Kolers, D. Owen
PHYSICS:	D. Brown, T. Dowling, B. Freelon, M. Yu
POLITICAL SCIENCE:	J. Abbott, D. Buckley, A. Caldwell, D. Clayton, A. Enders, J. Farrier, J. Gainous, S. Hua
PSYCHOLOGY:	P. DeMarco, S. Meeks, W. Petry, B. Stetson
SOCIOLOGY:	J. Beggan, J. Rieger, R. Schroeder
THEATRE ARTS:	K. Gawley
WOMEN'S & GENDER ST:	C. Fosl, J. Griffin, D. Heinecken, K. Story

Dr. Karen Kopelson, Chair, called the Faculty Assembly to order at 3:04 PM.

Dr. Kopelson then recognized Dean Kimberly Kempf-Leonard to deliver the 2018-19 State of the College Address.

Dean Leonard's presentation focused on the theme "It's a New Day." Dean Leonard stated that, after the crises and reversals of the past several years, she is "cautiously optimistic" the both the University and the College are moving in the right direction. Her address was shaped by President Bendapudi's goals to make UofL "a great place to learn, a great place to work, [and] a great place to invest."

The State of the College address began with how the College has been and will continue to be a great place to invest. The dean reviewed the opening of the Belknap Academic Building and the Portland facility at 1606 Rowan Street and the renovation of the Dougherty building's gym; the approval of the new A&S tech fee that was used to renovate classroom spaces in Davidson and Strickler; and the College's continuing grantsmanship success. The Rowan Street facility will offer studio art faculty and students studio space that the College has previously been unable to provide. The space will also provide laboratory space for archaeology and UPA's Urban Design Studio. A&S faculty, staff, and students raised \$29 million in research dollars last year, a slight drop over the previous year, and philanthropic giving was up. Faculty were encouraged to "step up" grant writing efforts in the current funding environment and to work with A&S Advancement to identify donors interested in supporting the College and its programs. The state's new performance-based funding model will also challenge the University to maximize its state funding without compromising its current areas of success or institutional values.

The dean next turned to the College as a great place to work. The College welcomed 21 new faculty members and 5 new staff members. There were also 27 faculty promotions. Seven staff members and 20 faculty members retired from the University. The College has six new or acting chairs, and two new Associate Deans (Graduate Education and Undergraduate Education). Drs. Dale Billingsley and Julia Dietrich, both of whom returned to the Department of English full-time after lengthy administrative tenures, were thanked for their service. The late Dr. Carol Hanchette and Mrs. Sharon Gater were remembered. The College's staff reorganization is almost complete and no personnel were terminated. 65 job descriptions are being reviewed by HR. The State of the College address next turned to faculty research and publications. Faculty and students published 25 books (7 more than last year), 611 journal articles & book chapters (47 more than last year), and contributed to 53 exhibitions and performances (3 fewer than last year).

The dean finally turned to the College of Arts and Sciences as a great place to learn. The dean noted that while the College's first-year cohort is up slightly over last year, the College's five-year downward enrollment trend continues. Dean Leonard drew special attention to midterm grades. She reminded the faculty that SGA added midterm reports as a requirement to section 4 of the Student Code of Rights & Responsibilities Students so that students would know their progress in advance of the course drop deadline. Faculty were asked to provide undergraduates with a grade of some sort by October 15

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.