



**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS**  
**2020-2021 FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 4, 2021**

**Call to Order:** 4:01PM, via WebEx

**I. Roll Call**

Present: Hey, Whittaker, Yamazaki, Barnes, Caceres, Lawrence, Smith, Benton, Montpetit, Yaklin, Kistner, Cook, Zych, Ligan, Carpenter, Dunn, Fritz, Day, Ferris, Stover, Keith, Compora, Stroud, Nemeth, Beatty-Medina, Feldmeier, Taylor, Voss, Mezo, Christman (proxy Tan), Baltus, Case, Sakowski, Foss, Dudley, Rouillard, Semaan (37)

Absent: McBane, Miner, Black, Alam, Allred (5); White (on family leave, replacement tbd)

Vacancies: 3

Guests: Gilbert, Gregory, Hintz, Hammel, Stauch, Branson, Monteleone, Heberle (8)

**II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

Agenda for meeting submitted for approval; Motion to approve, second. Vote - Approve 37, Not Approved 0, Abstain 0. Agenda approved.

Minutes from last meeting held (April 20) submitted for approval; Motion to approve, second. Vote - Approve 37, Not Approved 0, Abstain 0. Minutes approved.

**III. Executive Report: Patricia Case**

Executive Committee last met April 30; discussed agendas for Tuesday council meeting (last one for 2020-2021 and first one for 2021-2022); nothing else to report.

**IV. Faculty Senate Report: Patrick Lawrence**

Faculty Senate last met April 27, last meeting for 2020-2021; no updates on constitution, pick up process in Fall; executive met with Provost regarding Vice Provost position search, FY22 budget process, new RCM model; executive met with President regarding RCM model and FY22 budget, concerns of implication of revenue/gifts; follow-up on campus response to Floyd case, concern of Ohio Bill 135; executive reported Dean evaluation postponed until Fall; re-announced graduation ceremonies 5/7 and 5/8, in-person and virtual options; Board announced approval of 70 tenure promotions, distinguished lecturer award winners and outstanding research award winners; Provost reported on on-going COVID vaccine clinics on campus and email survey on vaccinations; end-of-year reports given by curriculum committee, workforce committee and student athletics rep annual report; presentation given Teaching Center Taskforce (attached to meeting invite) and town hall invite/email discussed; end of 2020-2021 Faculty Senate; 2021-2022 Faculty Senate convened; election results announced.

**V. Graduate Council Report: Patricia Case**

Graduate Council last met May 4; updates provided on academic dishonesty policy, will go to 2021 members for comment before being sent to Provost; discussed student registration payment plan, plan on pause; no updates on Dean replacement; announced seats still available for graduation hooding ceremony; announced upcoming NSF career workshops being planned, check email for announcements; COGS task force working on final report, recommending change from college to service-oriented school, will be sent to members for review before being sent to Provost; reported graduate faculty applications status, recommended Deans endorse some candidates.

#### **VI. Dean's Report: Dean Gilbert**

Thanked council for their work this past year; submitted FY22 budget year, waiting to get information on how this budget year would have compared under new model; discussed plans to rebuild budget next year, prioritizing projects, being able to bring some back, some items restored with one-time monies; reported enrollment is holding steady, down 1% in confirmations, up 64.3% in orientation registrations, up 64% in transfers, working on getting students who left during pandemic back; provided update on diversity/inclusion/equity work and addressing structural racism, several suggestions were made in town hall event, creating four action steps (reading lists, study group, required curriculum, credit extra credit assignments), committee setup to begin discussion of action steps; reminded folks of awards ceremony and graduation, room still available; discussed Teaching Center taskforce on potential new model; discussed possibility of new flexible workplace policy, will provide updates when available; on-campus resumes June 1, tenure clock extension deadline June 30; question raised about consideration of mandatory vaccinations for students, none as of now.

#### **VII. Curriculum Committee Report: Linda Rouillard**

Curriculum Committee met regarding two items, detailed documents previously sent out via email.

- One program modification – ENGL Minor (change to 12 credits maximum). One program modification submitted for approval; motion to approve, second. Vote - Approve 37, Not Approved 0, Abstain 0. One program modification approved.
- One new course proposal – ENGL4610 Latinx Nineteenth Century. One new course proposal submitted for approval; motion to approve, second. Vote - Approve 37, Not Approved 0, Abstain 0. One new course proposal approved.

#### **VIII. Elections Committee Report: Jetsa Caceres**

Elections were completed, results include

- At-Large Social Science – Kristen Keith
- At-Large Lecturer – Michael Kistner
- Arts Lecturers – Kelly McBane, Christopher Montpetit
- Humanities Lecturers – Ben Grazzini, Sara Yaklin
- Social Science Lecturers – Larry Cook, Alamina Abiye
- CCAP – Stephen Sakowski (Arts), Parama Sarkar (Humanities), Patricia Case (Social Science)

Election to be held in Fall for At-Large Humanities; requested department reps for Art, Communications, Economics, History, Women/Gender Studies please be sent for new council roster (discussed in 2021-2022 meeting).

#### **IX. Bylaws/Constitution Committee Report: Jami Taylor**

Nothing to report.

**X. Old Business**

None

**XI. New Business**

None

**XII. Announcements/General Questions**

None

**XIII. Appendices**

None

**XIV. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, second. Vote - For 37, Against 0, Abstain 0.

**First Meeting/2021-2022 CAL Faculty Council:** tbd

**Secretary Notes:**

- [Webex Recording](#) (with closed captioning, attendee list and chat transcript)
- [CAL Faculty Council Site](#) (website link)

*Updated 5/5/21, subject to change.*