**CLA FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

LA 2, Room 200

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting called to order at 3:36 by Chris Karadjov
3. In attendance: In Attendance: Chris Karadjov (JPR), Adrià Martín-Mor (RGRLL), Emily Schryer (Human Development), Jolene McCall (International Studies), Barbara LeMaster (Anthropology & Linguistics), Lily House-Peters (Geography/ESP), Maddie Liseblad (Journalism & Public Relations), Gabriel Estrada (RST), Jeff Blutinger (Jewish Studies), Tom Do (English), Maricela Correa (Psych), Ann Tran (AAAS), Kimberly Robertson (American Indian Studies), Rajbir Singh Judge (History), Carie Rael (History), Martha Franco (Sociology), Sandra Arévalo (HDEV), Marie Jayasekera (PHIL), Brett Mizelle (AMST), Janet Muñiz (SOC), Chris Rosales (Chicanx/Latinx Studies), Jessica Brooks (Classics), Alice Nicholas (AFRS), Tina Matuchniak (English), Moyang Li (English), Araceli Esparza (English), Sabrina Alimahomed (Sociology), Rezenet Moges-Riedel (ASLD), Raven Pfister (Comm), Manny Pulido (Comm), Araceli Gonzalez (Psych), Crystal Lie (CWL), Aparna Nayak (RGRLL)
4. Approval of Agenda
5. There was a motion to approve the agenda by Lily House-Peters.

Seconded.

1. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 1, 2023
2. There was motion by Jeff Blutinger to approve the minutes from November 1st. Seconded.

All in favor.

1. Reports
   * FC Chair’s Report
     + Chris Karadjov reported that Faculty Council can now communicate through Canvas. Information such as the minutes will be posted on the FC Canvas page. FC minutes (prior to approval by Faculty Council) will only be available to Faculty Council. Once the minutes have been approved, they will be more widely disseminated. The goal of using the Canvas page is to make communication and sharing of information by Faculty Council an open and collegial process.
   * Dean’s Report (Dean Deborah Thien)

* The Dean thanked the faculty who served on the RSCA committee. Dean Thien is now reviewing their recommendations.
* Dean also thanked all of the search committees for their work, including the Associate Dean search committee. CLA will be welcoming Dr. Donna Nichol as the new Associate Dean in the Spring semester.
* The Dean also thanked FC council for their recommendations for changes to the Faculty List-Serv. The Dean has accepted those recommendations, and an email was sent out to all faculty. The new CLA Faculty distribution list will include only current employees (not past employees). There is no option for opting out. The purpose of the CLA Faculty list is to communicate college business including sharing information about academic events (both CLA and non-CLA events). Faculty can send Sabella or other Dean’s Office personnel information about events to be disseminated through the list. CLA forum will continue to maintain its current form. The list is, however, out of date and will be repopulated and will continue to be updated. Every semester information will be sent out about the Forum list-serv and how people can join the forum.
* There are upcoming GE changes to AB 928. The dean is in discussion with the FC Executive and also with chairs about how to respond. Our college’s expertise is important for this process. Please let the dean about any ideas/expertise in this area.
* There is a plan in motion to remove physical phones from faculty offices. If you want to keep your phone you can. Otherwise phones will be replaced with Microsoft teams. You will be able to answer calls via your mobile device, computer, tablet, etc.
  + CFA Updates (Lily House-Peters)
    - Faculty are in the process of doing work actions. So far there has been a strong turn-out from faculty, students, and teamsters.
    - CFA will be back at the bargaining table in the Spring. There is, however, a strong likelihood that the Chancellor office will not be willing to meet our requests. We may be continuing strike actions in the Spring semester.

1. New Business
   * Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) policy changes that introduce Writing Across the Curriculum requirement (report from Danny Paskin of CEPC and Lori Brown from GWAR Committee): Time certain @ 3:55

* Danny Paskin and Lori Brown reported on the draft of curriculum policy regarding GWAR (The Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement) which is currently in front of CEPC.
* The GWAR policy is facing significant proposed changes. Because CLA plays an important role on teaching writing, input on the proposed draft is needed from this college. That feedback is needed by early spring.
* Please see the GWAR presentation slides for details about the proposed changes.
* Any feedback on the proposal can be sent to Danny Paskin.
  + Election of ad hoc nominating committee for Faculty Equity Advocate
    - The Faculty Equity Advocate (FEA) is a position that works with and is under the purview of Faculty Affairs. There are FEAs for every college and CLA currently has an opening for an FEA position. CLA would like to make the selection of the FEA for our college a more democratic process. We need a set of criteria for the occupant of the position, and a nomination/selection process that is developed by faculty. A 3 person ad hoc committee is needed to develop the application process for FEA position. Rigoberto Rodriguez (a current Faculty Equity Advocate for CLA), has volunteered to consult on the process providing information on the role of the FEA for CLA.
    - Chris Karadjov presented a motion to elect a 3-person ad hoc committee to develop a self-nomination/selection process for the FEA position.

Seconded.

* + - Three nominations were received: Ann Tran, Jolene McCall, Emily Schryer

No objections.

Motion passed.

* + Election of ad hoc CLASP liaison committee
    - Jolene McCall moved to table the election of an ad hoc CLASP liaison committee to the next meeting.

Seconded.

1. There was a motion to adjourn at 5:03pm by Barbara LeMaster.

Motion seconded.

Meeting adjourned.