

CLA Senate Meeting Minutes: 11/13/17
Meeting called to order: 2:31pm

1. Approval of the Agenda

Unanimously approved

2. Approval of Minutes

Unanimously approved

Moderator Comments: Chancellor search petition generated over 150 sigs and 11 dept chairs. There will be a 12/11 meeting of faculty council given over to discussion of chancellor search committee, to take place at 1:30 pm (which is the same day of our senate meeting). It will be a 2 hour meeting, but we can go for the first hour. The Website statement was sent to the chancellor search committee; the committee felt it showed our dedication to the difference between the academic vs the corporate mission.

3. Dean's Report

The deans tried to get representation on search committee. Dean Terkla wants to get all deans to show up to the faculty council meeting on 12/11, to put pressure on them to get dean representation on the search committee too. The Moderator commented that the committee is responding to our concerns and not just ignoring us. Dean Terkla stated that there are different times slots to speak to the committee, but it is not clear if faculty can be present when deans are presenting and vs versa.

The budget was loaded, and looks better than most depts expected; hiring is not as robust. We got 3 searches only for CLA; 2 for Africana studies; 1 for Economics. A College had to lose 4-5 faculty from a department in order to get permission to have a faculty search. The Boston Globe made a negative story out of an essentially positive outcome. Layoffs coming in a few weeks (Dean Terkla has not suggested any, and CLA doesn't appear to be affected).

One senator asked what are some of the things are important to push in the dean's slot at the faculty council meeting. Dean: the new web statement published reflects our core values and any new chancellor needs to recognize the quality of the faculty, the mission as stated on the web, and someone with the skills to raise money to support faculty. Academic affairs and AF have to be working together; they need to recognize the importance of the students, the diversity of the students, that the academic operation is what drives this place, and that the first defenders are the faculty and deans.

Moderator: we are public service institution and cannot allow dorms to subvert our urban mission. Dean Terkla responded that many places are allowing the corporate sector and/or politically connected candidates to overtake the importance of having a chancellor with an academic background.

Dean Terkla asked if much of the committee going to be there at the faculty council meeting or if it is mainly the recruiting firm members that are going to be there. Moderator: after the faculty council meeting, we need to formulate bullet points about what we need to do, since random Q and A sessions won't be enough. One senator commented that we should come up with a list of maybe 5 criteria to give a unified clear and single message.

4. Moderator's report

The moderator noted that there were a lot new courses to approve; she asked senators to let us know what they thought about the clarity of the courses in general. The chair of AAC is present, and he is also familiar with the courses.

5. Motions from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the following NEW courses:

ARABIC 252

There was concern about the title of the course “Global Refugees and Crisis” because it sounds like a political science or history course, rather than modern languages and literature. The chair of the AAC suggested a friendly amendment to change the title. A senator suggested the course could qualify for World Cultures distribution and will take these suggestions back to the professor. **Decision:**

Unanimously approved.

ARABIC 280 **Decision:** Unanimously approved.

ART 283 –Intro to Painting

ART 326 – Materials and Materiality

There was a motion to pass the Art courses as a block. Motion approved.

Decision: Unanimously approved as a block

CINE 325

CINE 420

There was a motion to pass the Cinema courses as a block. Motion approved.

Decision: Unanimously approved as a block

DAN 136 **Decision:** Unanimously approved.

FRENCH 308 **Decision:** Unanimously approved.

GERM 103

GERM 200

There was a motion to pass the German courses as a block. Motion approved.

Decision: Unanimously approved as a block

HIST 180 **Decision:** Unanimously approved.

MDNLNG 100

MDNLNG 270

There was a long discussion about how to make faculty aware of other courses on similar topics, how the similar courses can be identified, that Wisen is too difficult to use to make this possible. A senator put in “food” in the Course Wizard, and said that seemed to work. Something on the One Form should ask what are the similar courses and how it differs.

There was a motion to empower SEC to create a way to identify similar courses.

Decision: Unanimously approved.

A senator asked about keeping track of course redundancy. The Moderator stressed that what we are talking about is not mainly to avoid redundancy. But this is related, and there is a level of competition because its related to body counting and enrollments.

A senator suggested using language that uses collaborative thinking – rather than making it sound like we are asking faculty to defend their territory.

There was a motion to pass the MLLC courses a as a block. Motion approved.

Decision: Unanimously approved as a block

POLSCI 345
POLSCI 407
POLSCI 450
POLSCI 458

The moderator stated that we are seeing a lot of new courses come through without pre-reqs. A discussion ensued about other courses that have pre-reqs. A senator from the Political Science dept. mentioned that their dept doesn't generally have a lot of pre-reqs. The chair of AAC said that chair of dept. knows a lot about pre-reqs and the AAC trusted her. A senator suggested English 101 as a pre-req to weed out first year freshmen, and that this would not require any prior particular subject specific knowledge.

There was a motion to pass the political science courses as a block.

Decision: Unanimously approved as a block

6. Motions from the Majors, Honors and Special Programs Committee to approve the following CHANGES to courses:

ART 383 **Decision:** Unanimously approved

CINE 215
CINE 235 MDNLNG 235
CINE 275
CINE 276
CINE 280
CINE 285
CINE 306
CINE 341
CINE 365
CINE 372
CINE 376

There was a motion to pass all CINE courses as a block. Motion approved.

Decision: Unanimously approved as a block

DANCE 332 –**Decision:** Unanimously approved

HIST 219 – Tabled due to possible duplication; issue resolved, **approved.**

JAPAN 270 – **Decision:** Unanimously approved

MUSIC 498 – **Decision:** Unanimously approved

THRART 337 – **Decision:** Unanimously approved

The Moderator stated that the SEC is looking into possibilities for finding a way to discover similar courses and identify course overlap. She also asked senators to please try to go to Friday faculty council meeting.

7. New Business:

A senator stated that there is a need to find strategic ways to address curriculum challenges for CLA students in Honors.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Oleskiwicz

(reformatted by Louise Putnam, with approval from Senate Moderator)