CLAS Faculty Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 10th, 2014  Pugh 160
Meeting convenes at 5:40 pm

Members present:
Gillian Lord (assembly chair), Ex-officio member
Marta Wayne (Bio.)  Ken Kidd (Eng.), Shifra Armon (Span. & Port.), Nina Caputo (Hist.), Charles Gattone (Socio.), Sharon Abramowitz (Anthrop.), Ben Smith (Pol. Sc.), Ido Oren (Pol. Sc.), Gene Wittmer (Phil.), Vince Vatter (Math.), Valeria Kleiman (Chem.)

Not present: Jon Martin (Geo) Susan Gillespie (ex-officio, Anth.)

1- Gillian Lord went through the rules defining the Council’s work. The first order of the day was to elect a chair. Ben Smith was elected as chair of the council (unanimous vote).

2- We considered the status of the Dean’s search and it was brought to our attention that the provost was already working on forming a search committee. We requested that the Assembly chair ask the provost about the timeline for this search (in particular with respect of the presidential search timeline).

In the meantime, we moved forward by selecting 6 faculty representatives, 2 from each college unit

Sharon Abramowitz (primary) B & SS
Charles Gattone (secondary) B & SS
Valeria Kleiman (primary) N&MS
Jon Martin (Secondary), needs to confirm N&MS
Gene Wittmer (primary) H
Gillian Lord (secondary) H

Also discussed was the preparation of a white paper delineating important qualities for the Dean’s candidates. Shifra Armon will coordinate the work on this paper.

3- CLAS strategic plan
There is a finished draft, although is NOT available in the CLAS website.

4- There was a lengthy conversation on the feedback from the trial effort on “Chair evaluations”
It was decided that it was worth pursuing it further. Gillian Lord will continue with this task and will talk to Dave Richardson regarding these evaluations.
5- Peer teaching evaluation. There is a need to get proactive on the evaluation of online courses, since the online program is going on fast. Martha Wayne will look into the available “best online instructor award” to gather more information.

6- Minutes: Valeria Kleiman will do the minutes this time, with the role changing from meeting to meeting.

7- Lower enrollment: Several members mentioned Interim Dean Richardson interest on the issue of lower enrollment, and that that is going to be a priority in the chairs meetings.

At 6:50 the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Valeria Kleiman