Minutes—CLAS Finance Committee Meeting  
Friday, November 15, 2013   9:00 am 150 Pugh Hall

In attendance: Anita Anantharam, Rori Bloom, Susan Gillespie, Kevin Ingersent, Michelle Mack, Victoria Pagán (chair), Eric Potsdam. Guest: Joseph F. Spillane, Associate Dean for Student Affairs

1. The meeting was called to order by Pagán.

2. A motion to approve the minutes of the Oct. 3, 2013 committee meeting was made by Ingersent, seconded by Potsdam. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Pagán reviewed prior accomplishments of the committee last year and suggested that for the current year the committee research and devise recommendations for the following finance-related areas: CLAS enrollments and RCM/SCH issues, the college Strategic Plan, and CLAS Development initiatives. The first of these was the topic for this meeting.

4. Guest Joe Spillane presented information and answered committee questions regarding enrollments of CLAS majors and the challenges presented by complications of legislative and University changes in requirements that have negatively impacted or will negatively impact the number of CLAS majors and minors and the number of SCH that generate RCM revenue. These challenges include:
   a. the increasing efficiency of CLAS in graduating its majors in four years, resulting in a notable decrease in enrollments of fifth year undergraduates (the college is not rewarded for this achievement)
   b. the decrease in general education credit hours taken by students, which results in a decline in “found” majors that normally students would discover through taking gen ed courses
   c. the increasing “excess hours” surcharge that negatively impacts the number of minors in the college
   d. the anticipated negative impacts of the adoption of Common Core general education requirement in Fall 2015 and the “pre-eminence” legislation whereby UF may require all students to take 12 courses offered only at the university, both of which will result in a decline in “found” majors
   e. the unwillingness of the university to allow students to take post-bac degrees that could utilize unfilled capacity in CLAS courses.

5. Pagán announced topics for upcoming meetings in January and February.

6. Gillespie moved to adjourn, seconded by Ingersent. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gillespie November 15, 2013.