CLAS Faculty Council Minutes  
Monday, 14 December 2009, 1.55 p.m.  
150 Pugh Hall

Members present: Susan Hegeman, Jean Larson, Paul Robinson, Richard Scher, Donald Stehouwer, Clive Wynne, John Yelton, Rick Yost  
Members absent: Nora Alter, Susan deFrance, Howard Louthan, Carol Murphy  
Ex-officio member present: Andrea Sterk (for Ken Merz)  
Ex-officio members absent: John Leavey, Ken Merz,  
Student member present: Amber VanMatre  
Student member absent: LaRae Scantling

Jean Larson called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

The minutes of 7 December were approved.

Responses of department chairs to the questionnaire regarding shared governance were discussed. Suggestions for follow-up questions were considered.

Procedures for special elections of council members were discussed. The council recommended that a member who is unable or unwilling to fulfill the term of office should be replaced by a faculty member from the same electoral group.

Article III A 1:

Current language: Special elections shall be held to complete the term of any member who is unable to or fails to serve.

Proposed language: To complete the term of any member who is unable to or fails to serve, a replacement from the same electoral group shall be appointed by the chair of the Faculty Council with the approval of the Faculty Council.

The council recommended the addition of the chair of the Faculty Council to the CLAS steering committee, with the following change to the constitution:

Article III C 1:

Proposed change: Add the College Faculty Council to the list of committees whose chairs are members of the Assembly Steering Committee.

The council also recommended deletion of article III.C.2.(b) from the CLAS constitution.

The council voted to support changes in the descriptions of the CLAS electoral units in Article IV C2 of the constitution to reflect the changes in organization of departments within the college.

Current language:
The humanities electoral group shall include the budgeted faculties of African and Asian Languages and Literatures, Classics, English, Germanic and Slavic Studies, History, Linguistics Program, Philosophy, Religion, and Romance Languages and Literatures.

The natural, physical, and mathematical sciences group shall include the budgeted faculties of Astronomy, Botany, Chemistry, Geological Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, and Zoology.

The social and behavioral sciences electoral group shall include the budgeted faculties of Anthropology; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Criminology, Law and Society; Geography; Political Science; Psychology; and Sociology.

Proposed language:
The humanities electoral group shall include the budgeted faculties of Classics; English; History; Languages, Literatures and Cultures; Linguistics Program; Philosophy; Religion; and Spanish and Portuguese Studies.

The natural, physical, and mathematical sciences group shall include the budgeted faculties of Astronomy; Biology; Chemistry; Geological Sciences; Mathematics; Physics; and Statistics.

The social and behavioral sciences electoral group shall include the budgeted faculties of Anthropology; Geography; Political Science; Psychology; and Sociology and Criminology & Law.

Following discussion with Dean D’Anieri, the council recommended that the Secretary of the Faculty be responsible for directing CLAS elections.

Article II F 1 (e)

Current language: (e) In all elections requiring a mail ballot the Secretary shall be responsible for conducting the balloting and reporting the results to the faculty.

Proposed language: (e) In all elections the Secretary shall direct the balloting.

The Dean also discussed the likely implications of implementation of the RCM model for UF, CLAS and the departments within CLAS.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Donald Stehouwer, council member.