

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Minutes
August 13, 2019**

9:00 a.m.

Kinard 018

I. Welcome and introduction of Faculty Assembly officers Jo Koster

Dr. Koster began by calling the meeting to order and introducing herself as the Chair of the College of Arts & Sciences faculty assembly. She extended a warm welcome to all the new faculty members, instructors, and lecturers. Dr. Koster then introduced Dr. Hope Lima, Dr. Hye-Sung Kim, and Dr. Takita Sumter as the new members of the faculty assembly officers/new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Koster gave important dates for the next meetings:

- *August 30, 2019 – 2:00pm—Election; brainstorm questions for Dr Mahony visit*
- *October 18, 2019 – 2:00pm—Dr Mahony visit; discussion of final exams and course evaluation policies*
- *January 17, 2020 – 2:00pm—Accessibility, possibly a proposal from the NCAA representative*
- *March 6, 2020 – 2:00pm—Elections, Advancement*

In addition, all meetings will include curriculum, rules, assessment, and all other business that comes up. If there is business that you would like to discuss at future meetings, approach an officer and it will be added to the agenda.

II. Approval of minutes from March 01, 2019

- a. [See appendix 1](#) Jo Koster

Motion to approve and second for approval. Minutes approved.

III. Welcome and announcements from the Dean’s office Takita Sumter

Dr. Takita Sumter introduced herself as the new dean. Dr. Sumter then began by speaking about enrollment at the university. She stated that we are doing much better than we were doing last year (45-50 students more than 2017). Dr. Sumter believes we are doing well with enrollment. Chairs will be delivering information about recruitment and retention within the departments. Many conversations will be surrounding retention this year. There are 4 key areas:

- *Academic support*
- *Social support*
- *Advising*
- *Academic coaching*

These conversations will be ongoing and we will begin offering a CAS town hall for students. Dr. Sumter will be meeting with the CSL president in order to begin to shape the idea of the CAS town hall for students. Dr. Sumter may be reaching out in terms of this. Dr. Sumter wants to speak about how to identify an at risk student. Dr. McCormick wants to emphasize that every student matters. All students can do something, and may need help to find their way there. Dr. Sumter gave kudos to 55 summer research students with the SURE program. Some students were McNair scholars and some were not. Cheryl Fortner-Wood did a great job with the McNair Scholars program. Student chapter with National Association of Black Journalists got the national student chapter of the year award last week after their inaugural year; Dr. Frederick did an excellent job with the chapter. Dr. Sumter feels that we are second to none on experiential learning.

a. **Introduction of new faculty and new roles** Takita Sumter

Leah Simmonds is the new financial analyst for the college; her office has moved to the first floor of Kinard.

Kat Wilson will be switching roles (NOT LEAVING!!!!) towards technology and data management. CAS will be hiring someone to fill the duties of the office, and will be writing event coordination into the job description. There will be no cost to use this as a service. It will allow one place to know the events that are going on in the college. As duties swap around Dr. Sumter will keep us updated. Dr. Sumter then asked Chairs to introduce all of the new faculty:

Biology:

Meir Barak: tenured
LaShardai Brown: new Assistant Professor
Matt Stern: tenured; promoted to Associate
Daniel Stovall: new Assistant Professor
Courtney Guenther: new tenure track position
New adjuncts: Ms. Ashley Graham, Ben Schwartz

Chemistry, Physics, & Geology:

Fatima Amir: promoted to Associate
Diana Boyer: tenured, promoted to Professor
Timea Fernandez: new Assistant Professor

English:

Robert Prickett: promoted to Professor
Joyce White: new Assistant Professor

Human Nutrition:

Ashley Licata: new Assistant Professor
New adjunct: Ms. Casey Weeks

Mathematics:

Zach Abernathy: tenured
Frank Pullano: promoted to Professor

Political Science:

Brandon Ranallo-Benavidez: new Assistant Professor

Psychology:

Giancarlo Anselmo: new Assistant Professor
Jeff Sinn: promoted to Professor
Kathleen West: new Assistant Professor
Gary Alderman: director of school psychology program

Social Work:

Joi Anderson: new Assistant Professor
Ja'Shaun Blanding: new MSW Field Coordinator
Monique Constance-Huggins: tenured; promoted to Associate
Sara English: new Assistant Professor
Duane Neff: tenured; promoted to Associate

World Languages & Cultures:

Adam Glover: tenured; promoted to Associate

Dr. Sumter gave recognition to the newly tenured/promoted faculty members and then handed out the awards to the 2018-2019 faculty award winners:

- i. *Lynn Harand Outstanding Advisor Award: Sarah Reiland*
- ii. *Undergraduate Research Mentor Award: Kristen Abernathy and Zach Abernathy*
- iii. *Outstanding Instructor Award: Courtney Guenther*
- iv. *Scholarship Excellence Award: Rick Chacon*

Dr. Sumter then wished everyone a wonderful semester.

IV. CAS Committees

- a. **Graduate Faculty Committee** Dave Pretty

Dr. Pretty does not have officers yet and will have them within 18 days. Minutes from the March 1, 2019 GFC meeting will be on the agenda for approval at the full GFC meeting on August 30. Dr. Koster reminded chairs to encourage eligible faculty to apply for graduate faculty status.

V. Announcements

Dr. Ginger Williams, FCUP member, reiterated that President Mahony will be coming to talk at the October meeting and asked for things that should be brought up, things that need to be addressed. Will be sending out an email shortly to ask for that information. Dr. Koster reminded the faculty that this discussion will also take place at the next faculty meeting.

Dr. Wanda Koszewski (NUTR) brought up the health connections conference on Thursday, Sept 5; 10:30-12:30; please help to promote this for students. Flyer will be going out via email by the end of the week. Conference will be health services in the community, community partnerships, and internships

Dr. Kori Bloomquist – department of social work has a new minor in child health and wellbeing, excellent minor for students wanting to work with children, youth, families. Please promote this minor to any students who are interested in these populations

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.