

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Assembly
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
October 8, 2021, 2 PM

75 individuals in attendance

- I. Welcome—Adam Glover
 - a. Welcome to the third (& final) faculty assembly meeting of this semester

- II. Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2021, meeting (Appendix A)
 - a. Motion to approve minutes
 - b. Seconded
 - c. Majority in favor, minutes are approved

- III. CAS Committees
 - a. CAS Curriculum Committee—Gwen Daley (Appendix B)
 - i. Biology removing HMXP as prerequisite from upper level courses
 1. Majority in favor, course changes approved
 - ii. Relg 380 – new course
 1. Majority in favor, new course proposed & approved
 - iii. Program modification for BS-NUTR-DIET
 1. Majority in favor, modification approved
 - iv. 3 blanket petitions were approved for catalog alignment
 - v. One student petition was approved

- IV. Old Business
 - a. No old business

- V. New Business
 - a. No new business

- VI. Remarks from the Dean—Takita Sumter
 - a. Campus safety - pandemic
 - i. Current pandemic maintains seriousness – overall since September 20, 6 + student cases & 1 + employee case of COVID 19
 - ii. 67% of on campus students are vaccinated
 - iii. 81% of student athletes are vaccinated
 - iv. There will be reentry testing for spring
 - b. Travel Funding
 - i. \$700 per faculty member
 - ii. If student traveling, see office of undergraduate research
 - iii. If group of students traveling, have additional considerations to keep traveling students safe
 1. Will be guidance forthcoming
 - c. Academic Master Plan/Campus Master Plan
 - i. Academic master planning

1. Which programs are viable and which requirement modifications/elimination
 2. Enrollment over 3-5 years
 3. Completion over 3-5 years
 4. Student/faculty ratio
 5. If a decision is made, they will model the impact of the removal on the campus community/reputation/etc.
 6. Also at the mercy of the SC commission of education
 - a. 5 year average of 12.5 students & 8 graduating students per year
 - b. If does not meet this, have to send a justification
 - c. These have been used as benchmarks at Winthrop so though it sounds scary, it is not that different than how we have assessed
 7. Doctorates are being pursued as new programs
- ii. Campus master planning
1. What buildings are improved, used, needed in the future, etc.
 2. Opportunities for expansion
 3. Buildings too old to keep
 4. Maintain competitive nature of campus offerings
 5. Questions
 - a. Mike Lipscomb – if we are involved in programs that may need resources in the future who do we speak to in order to get things considered for campus master plan?
 - i. Survey will go out to chairs, so provide your feedback to chairs
 - b. Brandon Ranallo-Benavidez – are there things that we can do to have the backs of individuals who are in less permanent positions
 - i. Next part of conversation is budget (see below notes)
- iii. Budget
1. Lowest hanging fruit
 - a. Teaching efficiency and vacancies
 2. Adjuncts can never be guaranteed
 - a. “full load” adjuncts have been tried to be protected vs. individuals who have a full time job
 - b. Discarding individuals is not the unspoken suggestion and we are working really hard to try to do ethical/morally appropriate individuals
 3. Staff
 - a. Have been able to protect all full time staff positions in CAS at this moment
- iv. New programs have been helpful
1. Online MSW
 2. Online MS in Human Nutrition
 3. Bachelor of professional studies
- d. Great things!
- i. WWC Women in Medicine Panel
 - ii. MLA Hornsby Lecture
 - iii. Moving to online course catalog that is not a PDF

- iv. Congrats to Jessie Hamm, Monique Constance-Huggins, Jessica Yang, Sara English, Amanda Cavin, Cliff Harris, Nathaniel Frederick, Guy Reel, Bill Schulte, Joe Kasko, Padmini Patwardhan, Bonnye Stuart, Jessie Hoffman, Lesley Reel, Brent Woodfill, Gregory Crider, Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, Andy Doyle, Daniel Stovall, Lee, C. Chang, and J Yang!
- v. 99.16% of interim grades were submitted on time.

VII. Announcements

- a. Jo Koster – please take the Ad Hoc survey that was sent out on Tuesday, also found here: https://winthrop.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9WTYmWPsUcRVG9U
- b. Nick Grossoehme
 - i. Undergraduate research: Takita mentioned travel – we do not have the policy completely figured out but please still send in requests because they will be processed. Submission window for SOURCE & abstracts will be Nov 1 – March 1. Database was developed for undergraduate research mentors – hope to have as many mentors as possible to complete their information here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bl1yubKTrWu>
- c. Adam Glover
 - i. Next meeting Jan 14 @ 2 PM
 - ii. On agenda, send out Thursday Jan 6
 - iii. Presentation inclusions sent by Jan 13
- d. Graduate faculty meeting immediately after this

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn & second
- b. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM

Note: Quorum (35% of full-time faculty) is 53 faculty members for Faculty Assembly.
The minimum attendance to do business (20% of full-time faculty) is 30 faculty members.
The meeting will be streamed via Zoom and will be recorded for those faculty members who are unable to attend.

Appendix B: CAS Curriculum Committee

Items requiring a vote:

1. The following program changes were approved.

- a. Department of Biology
 - i. Modify program: BS-BIOL-BMRS
 - ii. Modify program: BS-BIOL
 - iii. Modify program: BS-BIOL-MTEC
 - iv. Modify program: BS-BIOL-CSST
 - v. Modify program: BS-BIOL-CNSV

Items not requiring a vote:

One student petition was approved