




March 13, 2014

TO: College Council Members

FROM: Leonidas Bachas 
Dean


SUBJECT: AGENDA for College Council meeting
Monday, March 17, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.
Physics Conference Room

Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2014 Meeting
2. Dean's Remarks
3. Double Counting of Courses between Majors and Minors Proposal - Geoff Sutcliffe
4. "W" Courses (Discussion) - Geoff Sutcliffe
5. Second Language Requirement (Discussion)
6. Proposal for a Master's Degree in Anthropology
7. Announcements:
 - Cooper Fellowships --- Call for Nominations - Deadline, March 24, 2014
 - Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activities Recognition Reception - April 29th at 3:30 p.m. at the Wesley Gallery
 - Commencement Ceremonies: Graduate Ceremony, May 8th at 4:00 p.m. Undergraduate Ceremony Arts & Sciences at 8:30 a.m. at the Bank United Center.



To: A&S Council Members

From: Leonidas G. Bachas 
Dean

Subject: MINUTES of the College Council Meeting of February 10, 2014
Physics Conference Room

Date: February 12, 2014

12:15 Lunch
12:30 Call to Order

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 11, 2013 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2013 meeting was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

2. Dean's Remarks

Dean Bachas mentioned that the Faculty Senate shared with the administration a copy of their report on online education. He also noted that Provost LeBlanc will be attending the Faculty meeting on February 18th to talk about this subject and the vision for online education. The Dean explained that although the university is already offering some online programs, such as two PhD degrees and the BGS program, a single external provider that has experience in this endeavor ought to be identified, which will be cost saving for the university. He gave an update on the university's plan to build some new dorms, new buildings on the Gables campus for UHealth, a new science building in the College, and next year's projected tuition increase. He announced that in Fall 2015, the Foote Fellows Program will be the only honors program offered. The others will be phased out. The Foote Fellow program will be changed to allow upperclassmen to apply also, instead of only freshman.

The university is discussing a 4+1 program that will allow seniors to apply for one more year without pay to take an extra minor or courses to expand their knowledge. Students will have to apply to be accepted into the program in their senior year. The degree will be conferred after a student completed the 4+1

program. The program will not allow students to use the 5th year toward completing the requirements for another degree.

3. Global and OnLine Education

Provost Thomas LeBlanc will attend the faculty meeting on February 18th to give an update on the university's progress with global and online education, the relationship with Laureate, the vision of online education at UM, etc.

4. General Education by Degree

Professor Sutcliffe explained that the general education requirements will not change. But, it will appear in the bulletin in terms of degree. Dean Bachas referred to an unofficial report from the Faculty Senate in that Math requirements will change to reflect quantitative skills/quantitative reasoning requirement. All schools will need to seek the approval of the Mathematics Department for appropriate quantitative reasoning courses that meet this requirement. "W" courses will disappear as a requirement. The College will create a mechanism to address how departments evaluate "W" courses. This is to address SACS requirements to demonstrate how students' writings are evaluated in the college or school.

5. Update on Progress of the Medical Humanities Proposal

Dean Bachas noted that a committee is working on a proposal that will soon be shared with the Council and the College faculty.

6. Approval of Proposed Agenda for Faculty Meeting of February 18, 2014

The proposed agenda for the College Faculty meeting of February 18, 2014 was approved.

7. Other Business

- Cooper Fellowships --- Call for Nominations - Deadline, March 24, 2014
- Summer awards announcement:
 - "Beyond the Book" awards – Deadline, February 18, 2014
 - Summer Minority Fellowships thru Mike Gaines's Office – Deadline, February 25, 2014
 - Graduate Summer Awards -- 31 applications
 - Year Dissertation Awards – 31 applications
 - MFA Summer Awards -- 8 applications
- Cooper Fellow lecture by Professor Nepomechie – February 20th at 4:00 p.m. at Student Activities Center, Room 306 (South Room)

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.