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TO: College Faculty Members

FROM: Leonidas Bachas, Dean

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**SUBJECT: AGENDA for College Faculty meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
Lowe Art Museum, Beaux Arts Gallery
1301 Stanford Drive, Gables Campus**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2019 College Faculty Meeting
2. Dr. James Tien, Faculty Ombudsperson
3. Dean's Remarks
4. Writing Studies Proposal
5. Proposed UM Center for HIV & Research in Mental Health (CHARM)
6. Proposed Data Science Track
7. Faculty Senate Report
8. Other Business
 - Cooper Fellow Lecture by Professor Mihoko Suzuki, March 24, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

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November 25, 2019

TO: College Faculty Members

FROM: Leonidas Bachas, Dean

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SUBJECT: **MINUTES of the College Faculty meeting of Monday, November 18, 2019 at 3:30 p.m., at the Miller Center Auditorium, Merrick Building, Room #105**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 17, 2019 College Faculty Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 College Faculty Meeting was offered, seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Visit by Provost Jeffrey Duerk

Dean Bachas introduced Provost Jeffrey Duerk and thanked him for taking the time to speak to the College faculty.

Provost Duerk expressed how much he enjoys working with the College on new initiatives, such as the Math Institute, his work with Psychology on fMRI, with Computer Science on Computing, as well as partaking in College programming like attending the theatre art shows. The Provost explained that the University will be implementing a new budget model. Previously, budget allocations were historically based, and this new model will be based on tuition and drivers such as graduation rate, retention and majors. There will be big emphasis on retention. The University's current retention rate is approximately 92%; the goal is 97%. There is a taskforce, led by Maria Galli Stampino and Darby Plummer, trying to figure out why students are leaving and what can be done to decrease that number. The Provost noted that this new budget model will be phased in over the next few years. He also mentioned that in the new budget model part of the IDC will be returned to the Colleges/Schools as well. He noted that this budget model will be reviewed in three years after implementation. He indicated that the Provost's Office will also be expanding the supplemental training on pedagogy to non-tenure track faculty as well. These courses give faculty members the opportunity to expand their knowledge on pedagogical concepts or have their courses evaluated. This initiative also ties into the Roadmap's initiative to lead education revolution. The Provost also mentioned the University is ending its partnership with Laureate Online Learning. The University will be developing its own online learning structure and all current programs will migrate over.

Provost Duerk answered to a few questions from the faculty, such as the reason for ending the agreement with Laureate, the method/process to retain students, etc. The Provost noted that it was a mutual agreement with Laureate to end the contract. In regard to retention, he indicated that all entities/units at the University need to rethink how to retain our students. We want our students to have great experience not only in the department but at the University in general.

3. Dean's Remarks

Dean Bachas reminded the faculty of the Inaugural FICMS Seminar with speaker Dr. Thomas Meade to be held on Wednesday, November 20th at 3:45PM in the Wilder Auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

He noted the change that will happen with the budget system, so as a College, we need to think about how we can make ourselves more attractive to undergraduate students and understand why some are leaving. On the graduate level, we need to think of course offerings, the environment and professional degrees that students are looking for.

4. Presentation & Approval of the following Proposals:

a. Proposal to Establish the Institute of the Mathematical Sciences of the Americas (IMSA)
Presented by Dr. Stephen Cantrell. He indicated that the Institute of the Mathematical Sciences of the Americas (IMSA) would establish collaborations across the hemisphere in the field of mathematics through ongoing and future research projects, conferences and training of graduate students. The Institute received a grant from the Simons Foundation and is now moving through the process of becoming an official University entity. A motion was offered, seconded and unanimously approved to move this proposal to the next level.

b. Classics Major Track IV Change of Credit Requirement with Change of Name
Presented by Dr. John Paul Russo. He explained that the Department of Classics proposes that the number of credits for Track IV of its major, entitled Classical Civilization, be reduced from 30 to 24 credits and that the name be changed to Classical Studies. These changes would be keeping up with the field that has changed in 30 years with an emphasis on cultural courses. A motion was offered, seconded and unanimously approved.

c. Proposal to Establish an interdisciplinary Program in Global Health Studies, an undergraduate Major in Global Health Studies, and an accelerated 5-year Bachelor of Arts in Global Health Studies/Master of Arts in Global Health and Society

Presented by Dr. Bryan Page on behalf of Dr. Herns Marcelin. Professor Page noted that this proposal is essentially creating a 4+1 degree in Global Health Studies. It is the undergraduate component of the graduate program in Global Health Studies, which was approved last year. A motion was offered, seconded and unanimously approved.

d. Proposed New Concentrations for the Master of Arts in International Administration

Presented by Dr. Bradford McGuinn. These new concentrations focus on the intellectual interests of current and future MAIA students. The courses needed to complete these concentrations are already in existence. This proposal would allow the concentrations to show on student transcripts, providing our students with job drive clarity and be more marketable. A motion was offered, seconded and unanimously approved.

5. Faculty Senate Report

Presented by Dr. Stephen Cantrell. The senate touched upon the following topics at its last meeting:

- Cane Angel Network: a venture that connects and gives “angel investors” the opportunity to invest in promising research, inventions, and ideas emerging from the University.
- U-LINK Program
- Grade Change Policy
- Student Counseling Services: October is the worse month at the Counseling Center; the number of students seen increases drastically during the middle of the semester.
- Cognate System: the UCC is going to review and evaluate the cognate system.

The faculty noted that a review was supposed to be done two years ago and no information was reported to them.

6. Other Business:

- a. End-of-Year Faculty and Staff Achievement Recognition: December 4th at 3:30 p.m. at the Shalala Student Center Ballrooms
- b. Commencement Ceremonies, December 12th at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Watsco Center

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.