




September 11, 2018

TO: A&S Faculty

FROM: Leonidas Bachas, Dean 

SUBJECT: AGENDA for the College Faculty meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the
Shalala Center South Activities Room, 3rd Floor

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of April 2, 2018
2. Dean's Remarks
3. Proposal for Caribbean Studies Graduate Concentration
4. Proposal to Create New Educator Faculty Lines in the College
5. Update on the College Strategic Plan
6. Report of the Academic Appeals Committee
7. Faculty Senate Report
8. Voting Rights for Educator and Research Faculty
9. Other Business
 - Cooper Fellow Lecture by Dr. Patrick McCarthy, English Department, Wednesday, September 26th at 3:30 p.m. at the School of Nursing, Room 428.
 - Cooper Fellow Lecture by Dr. Chris Cosner, Department of Mathematics, Thursday, October 25th at 3:30 p.m. at the Communication International Bldg, Room 2055 (School of Communication)

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DATE: April 16, 2018

TO: A&S Faculty

FROM: Leonidas G. Bachas
Dean

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SUBJECT: **MINUTES** for Faculty Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.
Miller Center Auditorium - 105 Merrick Building

1. Approval of the Minutes of the College Faculty Meeting of February 20, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Faculty meeting was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

2. Dean's Remarks

Dean Bachas introduced Dr. Adina Sanchez-Garcia to speak about the 2018 Summer Writing Institute. Dr. Sanchez-Garcia explained that this weeklong seminar is open to all faculty, and it is a great opportunity to work with faculty across various disciplines to develop innovative ways to incorporate writing into their courses. Those accepted to participate in the Summer Writing Institute will receive \$1500 stipend. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 20th.

Dean Bachas reminded the faculty of the University Humanities Research call for proposal. The deadline is Wednesday, April 18, 2018. An email about this initiative was shared with the faculty. Dean Bachas encouraged the faculty to attend the Active Shooter Response Training. He asked Rose Glemaud to facilitate these sessions for the College. Rose noted that the sessions are 1 ½ hour long. She is working with Emergency Management to arrange some sessions. When they are scheduled, an email will be sent to all A&S faculty about dates/times and locations.

3. Proposal to rename the designation "Undeclared" student track to "Exploratory"

Senior Associate Dean Maria Galli Stampino explained the proposal to rename the designation "Undeclared" student track to "Exploratory". She indicated that changing undeclared to exploratory will help to better engage the students and to also help them think of what they want to explore in their studies. She noted that this proposal does not require Faculty Senate approval. The College Faculty voted and approved to

rename the designation "Undeclared" student track to "Exploratory." Dean Stampino will notify the Office of the Registrar of this change.

4. Cognates for the BGS Program

Senior Associate Dean Maria Galli Stampino presented the plan to designate cognates for the Bachelor of General Studies program (BGS). She noted that when cognates were assigned to the other majors, BGS was not included. Dean Stampino noted that since this is a notification, no vote from the College Faculty is needed. Professor Tom Lopez suggested that the University does a survey to find out how the cognate system is working.

5. Strategic Plan

Dean Bachas gave a presentation on the status of the College's upcoming strategic plan. He said that the A&S strategic plan will parallel that of the University, which will concentrate on the roadmap initiatives. He referred them back to the College faculty retreat of February 2, 2018, where three major threads were discussed. This discussion as well as suggestions received after the retreat will serve as the foundation for the College plan.

6. Proposal to change the name of Women's and Gender Studies to Gender and Sexuality Studies

Dr. Merike Blofield presented the proposal to change the name of "Women's and Gender Studies" to "Gender and Sexuality Studies." Dr. Blofield revealed that 90% of majoring students in the Women's and Gender Studies program are female. She explained that the name change is not to diminish the women's right movement but to build upon it. It will help the program to ask more nuance questions and to be in line with trends in the discipline. Dr. Blofield indicated also that the vision of the program is to be more inclusive, to attract all, not only a subgroup. Dr. Mihoko Suzuki expressed her disappointment about removing the word "women" in the title, which in her view is a historical name in academia with many peer institutions strongly holding the name. After much discussion, secret ballots were distributed to the audience, which resulted as follow: **32 Yes, 4 No, 1 Abstain**. The proposal to change the name of "Women's and Gender Studies" to "Gender and Sexuality Studies" was approved by the College Faculty to send forward to the Faculty Senate for approval.

7. Proposal for a MS Degree in Data Science

Professor Mitsunori Ogihara presented the proposal for a MS Degree in Data Science. Dr. Ogihara indicated that this proposal is a collaboration between the Computer Science Department, other departments at the University, and the Center for Computational Science. He explained that interest in data analysis has increased within the last few years. The program is interdisciplinary in nature. It will allow the various academic units involved to add courses in their specific application domains, thus keeping the program updated and relevant to current practice and industrial needs. Dr. Ogihara also noted that the proposal is written with four tracks involving other colleges/schools; however the degree will be an A&S Master's degree. The motion to

approve this proposal was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved by the College Faculty to send forward to the Faculty Senate.

8. Proposal to create a new five-year, Bachelor of Science (BS) in Mathematics and Master of Science in Mathematical Finance (MSMF) dual degree program

Dr. Alexander Dvorsky presented the proposal to create a dual degree, 5-year BS/MSMF Program. Dr. Dvorsky explained this program will not affect any existing graduate or undergraduate coursework, and will enable students to obtain two degrees through an accelerated timeline. Dean Stampino remarked that financial aid covers graduate courses for undergraduates in those 4+1 programs. All courses will still be required for the 120 credit courses prior to taking 500-level courses, and will also require prerequisites. The motion to approve this proposal was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved by the College Faculty to send forward to the Faculty Senate.

9. Other Business

- Cooper Fellow Lecture – Tuesday, April 10th at 3:30 p.m. by Professor Frank Palmeri at the Lowe Art Museum, Beaux Arts Gallery
- Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activities Recognition Awards Reception– Tuesday, May 1st at 3:30 p.m. at the Shalala Student Center
- Graduation Ceremonies: May 10 at 1:00 p.m. Masters' ceremony for all; Ph.D. ceremony at 5:00 p.m. on May 10th; May 11th at 8:30 a.m. A&S undergraduate ceremony

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m. with a quick reminder from Senior Associate Dean Stampino to make sure to complete any changes to the department's bulletin and to put it into workflow.