



February 13, 2018

TO: A&S Faculty

FROM: Leonidas Bachas, Dean

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SUBJECT: AGENDA for the College Faculty meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.
at the Miller Center Auditorium, 105 Merrick Building

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of September 26, 2017
2. Dean's Remarks
3. Visit by President Frenk and Provost Duerk
4. Strategic Planning
5. Proposal for a Master of Arts in Global Health and Society **(action item)**
6. Proposal to change the Economics major for BA students in A&S **(notification)**
7. Sabbatical Leave Proposal
8. Proposal to change the name of Women's and Gender Studies to Gender and Sexuality Studies **(action item)**
9. Proposal to rename the designation "Undeclared" student track to "Exploratory" **(action item)**
10. Cognates for the BGS Program **(notification)**
11. Other Business

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DATE: October 19, 2017

TO: A&S Faculty

FROM: Leonidas G. Bachas
Dean

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LBachas'.

SUBJECT: **MINUTES of the College Faculty Meeting of Tuesday, September 26, 2017
McArthur Engineering Building, MEA 202 Room (College of Engineering)
1251 Memorial Drive**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 24, 2017 College Faculty Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, April 24, 2017 Faculty Meeting was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

2. Research Misconduct - Presentation by John Bixby

Dean Bachas introduced Dr. John Bixby, Vice Provost for Research to speak to the faculty about research misconduct. Dr. Bixby explained the definition of research misconduct, gave some examples, and explained how allegations are assessed and processed. He indicated that if a research misconduct is found, the Provost and the Dean of the accused will eventually get involved. He noted that some sanctions for research misconduct may include a letter of reprimand, re-training requirements, loss of research privileges, and termination. He also indicated that the process does not stop even if the accuser resigns during the investigation. Dr. Bixby entertained questions from the faculty and thanked them for giving him the opportunity to talk about such an important matter.

3. Voting Rights for Educator and Research Faculty

Dean Bachas presented the motion of voting rights for Educator and Research faculty. According to the Faculty Manual this process has to be done each year. The following two motions were offered, seconded, and unanimously approved by the College Faculty.

Motion: For academic 2017-18, the faculty of the College authorize RESEARCH faculty and EDUCATOR faculty to vote on:

- a) Reappointment and promotion of the same category of faculty of lower rank in their department, and
- b) Evaluation of their Chair provided that the regular faculty in the home department have approved the extension of that right to the faculty in those two categories.

4. Dean's Message

Dean Bachas introduced Professor Timothy Watson, Chair of the Department of English, who spoke about a petition from the faculty asking the University to help those in Puerto Rico suffered from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma. A letter is being drafted, which Professor Pestle will be sharing with the faculty soon. The petition is asking the University of Miami to possibly host students and faculty members who have been displaced from their home institution in Puerto Rico to continue their research in Miami. It was, however, noted that the University will not be able to provide lodging accommodations. FIU has also been contacted to possibly assist in this effort.

Dean Bachas thanked faculty and staff for all their hard work in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. It was noted that President Frenk had made the right decision to close the University early allowing the majority of the students to evacuate on time, and for staff and faculty to make arrangements to secure their homes. The Dean noted that the campus suffered a lot of damage with falling trees, loss of power, and other inconvenient situations. The University was unable to reopen its doors to students until two weeks later, which caused some delays and changes to the fall 2017 schedule. Dean Bachas indicated that the semester will now ends on December 20th. The fall break has been cancelled; there will be no final exams. Faculty are asked to decide how to assess their classes as they evaluate their students for the semester, and to create an additional 2 ½ to 3 hours of activities in their syllabus to fully account for the loss of time.

5. Budget Presentation:

Dean Bachas gave a brief presentation on the College budget and how it works. He noted that he requested the University Budget Office to give a presentation to the Chairs to explain the new budget process. He announced that this year, the University is requesting budget information earlier than in previous years.

6. Report of the Academic Appeals Committee

Due to time constraint, the report of the Academic Appeals Committee will be presented at a future meeting of the faculty.

7. United Way Campaign

Stephen Cantrell, the College United Way Lead Ambassador, gave an update on the United Way Campaign. He thanked those who have supported the campaign thus far, and stressed the importance of generosity at this time that our community is hurting and in need. Dr. Cantrell indicated that about 15 ambassadors in the College from various departments had volunteered to help with the campaign. He will soon send a letter with the names of the ambassadors to all faculty and staff.

8. Faculty Senate Report

Dr. Cantrell presented the report on Faculty Senate meetings. He noted the approval by the Senate of two proposals from the College: Independent Minor and the move of Geological Sciences programs to RSMAS. He also mentioned the approval of the new parking system to

eliminate parking decals. Parking will use a scanning device to read the vehicle's license plate, which will require that cars be parked facing forward to allow parking personnel to read the license plate.

9. Faculty Retreat

Dean Bachas indicated that, due to the delay caused by Hurricane Irma and the rescheduling of several activities during the fall semester, the faculty meeting to discuss the College's Strategic Plan is postponed until early Spring.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.