




To: College of Arts & Sciences Faculty

From: Leonidas G. Bachas, Dean 

Subject: MINUTES of the College Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at the Wesley Gallery

Date: April 15, 2015

3:37 p.m. Call to Order

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 23, 2015, Special Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2015, meeting was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.
2. Dean's Remarks
 - UM New President, Dr. Julio Frenk
Dean Bachas spoke about his first positive impressions of Dr. Julio Frenk. Dean Bachas encouraged the faculty to view Dr. Julio Frenk's appointment speech on the web. Highlights from the speech that the faculty should keep in mind include Dr. Frenk's comments on the importance of civic engagement, UM's location as a gateway to the Americas, and technology in education. Dean Bachas will invite the Provost and the President to speak at the next College Faculty meeting.

Tom Lopez, who was on the Consultative Committee, commented that Dr. Frenk was a good candidate, and that his response to questions from the committee were encouraging. Tom noted that Dr. Frenk stated that liberal arts is the basis of education.

Neil Johnson, who was a member of the Search Committee, commented that Dr. Frenk was the best candidate.

- Cooper Fellow Recipients and Scholarly and Creative Activities
Recipients will be announced at the Scholarly and Creative Activities Recognition event on April 28.
- Educator Faculty
The proposal for Educator Faculty lines will be discussed at a future College Faculty meeting in the Fall.

- New Role in the College Council
According to a new legislation by the Faculty Senate, the Dean will not be the presiding officer of the Council meetings. The individual presiding over the Council will now be a new position, the Speaker.
 - E-Voting in the College Faculty
Victor Milenkovic stated that after speaking with the College Council, it seems that the language proposed for e-voting is too complicated and there is an issue with the supermajority. Victor will spearhead a committee to simplify the language.
3. Summer Governance
A motion was proposed to authorize the College Council to act on behalf of the faculty, if necessary, during the summer and until the first meeting of the faculty in the fall. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
 4. University's New Withdrawal Policy
Athena Sanders stated that starting April 1, 2015, the University has adopted a formal withdraw policy. This policy will centralize withdrawals and ensure that proper data are collected in order to analyze why students leave, where they go, and what are their reasons for leaving the University. Undergraduate withdrawals for fall and spring semesters are now handled by the Cane Success Center. A Cane Success Center Advisor will meet with students to capture data holistically and assist the students. Athena will still handle summer withdrawals.
 5. Curriculum Committee Report
Geoff Sutcliffe reported on the curriculum committee. There are currently 183 cognates in the search engine; 84 are in A&H, 72 in P&S, and 27 in STEM. Every new student follows the cognate system. A total of 407 course forms were submitted this year, which is significantly more than the 147 submitted in 2014, but the renumbering of courses skews these numbers. 157 new courses were submitted this year, compared to 66 in 2014. The Committee will meet tomorrow to consider the writing requirement proposal for the College of Arts and Sciences. There will be a global renumbering of graduate courses.
 6. Faculty Senate Report
Steve Cantrell reported to the faculty that there is a change in the by-laws regarding the school councils, and that the Miller School established a Bioethical Institute. Steve provided a salary comparison review before the Senate. Steve used 10 AAU schools as comparison points. The goal of the review is to compare UM salaries to the means of AAU peers.
 7. Online Masters in Public Administration Program
An online MPA program, structured exactly as the traditional MPA, is currently under development.
 8. Other Business
 - No other business. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.