

To: College of Arts & Sciences Faculty

From: Leonidas G. Bachas  
Dean

Subject: Special College Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 21, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. -- Lowe Art Museum

Present: 70 Voting faculty

Date: October 24, 2013

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 29, 2013 Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2013 meeting was offered, seconded and unanimously approved.

Dean Bachas reported that at the request of the unit the following two proposals will not be discussed at this meeting, but will be brought to the faculty at a future faculty meeting: 1) Proposal to Repeal the Requirement for Many Undergraduate ECS Majors to Complete a Second Major; 2) Proposal for an Environmental Sustainability Certificate Program.

**2. Report of the Committee on Academic Appeals – Athena Sanders, Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services**

Assistant Dean Sanders reported on the activities of the Academic Appeals Committee and noted that 220 appeals were submitted for Spring, Summer and Fall 2013. Most of them were for students wanting to study abroad. There were 22 approved complete withdrawals, and 4 students came back from dismissal.

**3. United Way Campaign Update – Professor Frank Stringfellow**

Professor Stringfellow encouraged the faculty to donate to the United Way Campaign. He explained that the College is at 47% of its goal, which represent donations from 13% of faculty and staff. Only four weeks are left in to the campaign. He mentioned that Professor Bob Johnson who has ran the United Way for several years requested to inform everyone that the Sea Quest Restoration is on hold. Faculty were also reminded that they can donate to the department of their choice through the United Way Campaign.

#### 4. **Voting Rights for Educator and Research Faculty**

A motion to approve the motion regarding the Voting Rights for Educator and Research Faculty was offered, seconded, and approved from an attendance of 70 faculty in the audience, with one opposition.

*“For Academic Year 2013-14, 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 home 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. (Faculty Manual A3.1)”*

#### **Voting Rights for Senior Status Professors**

After discussion on the proposed motions regarding the Voting Rights for Senior Status Professors, the faculty of the College voted to postpone this matter until after the vote and approval of the Faculty Senate. After action from the Faculty Senate, the College will bring this matter back to the faculty for discussion and action based on the language adopted by the Faculty Senate.

#### 5. **INS/POL Update and Action Item**

Dean Bachas presented an update on the status of the INS/POL merger. A document was distributed to all faculty prior to the meeting. As there was no discussion, a motion to approve the material that was submitted was offered, moved, seconded and approved with one opposition.

#### 6. **Approval of Proposals – Action Items**

- **Approval of the Proposal regarding CAS Language Requirement for high school graduates from 2<sup>nd</sup> language high school institution**

Professor Christina Civantos presented the rationale for the proposal regarding CAS Language Requirement for high school graduates from second language high school institutions. A motion to approve the proposal was offered, seconded and unanimously approved.

*“Students who graduated high school at an institution in which the primary language of instruction and the primary language of school administration was not English, are eligible for exemption from the CAS language requirement. Exemption will be granted by CAS Office of Student Advising. To be granted the exemption, the student must have on file the equivalent of a high school diploma from such an institution.”*

- **Approval of the Proposal for an English Minor in Creative Writing**

Professor Jaswinder Bolina explained the need for an English Minor in Creative Writing. After a few comments and the clarification on the sequence of some courses, the College faculty voted unanimously on a motion to approve the Proposal for an English Minor in Creative Writing.

- **Approval of the Proposal Name Change of the Center for Latin American Studies to “Miami Institute for the Americas”**

Dr. Ariel Armony introduced the proposal for the name change. He explained that this change will represent better the mission and vision of the Center, be more inclusive, and will help in fundraising activities. Faculty raised some questions in regards to inclusiveness, e.g., should the US, Canada, and the Caribbean be put of the Center’s activities; what does market analysis reveal; the change in title does not reflect the academic component of the Center, etc. Professor Armony noted that the academic program associated with the Center will not change. The Program in American Studies embraces this change, and that there were focus group meetings with students, faculty, etc. The name change will also create more fluid boundaries across disciplines that promote trans-nationalism. After discussion, the faculty voted (30 For; 17 Against; 1 Abstention) in favor of the name change from Center for Latin American Studies to that of “Miami Institute for the Americas.”

**7. Faculty Senate Report – Professor Victor Milenkovic**

Professor Milenkovic reported on issues that were addressed at the last Faculty Senate. These could be found in the minutes of the Faculty Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.