




To: A&S Council Members

From: Leonidas G. Bachas  
Dean 

Subject: MINUTES of the College Council Meeting of November 11, 2013  
Physics Conference Room

Date: November 12, 2013

12:15 Lunch  
12:30 Call to Order

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 7, 2013 Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**2. Comments by Professor Richard Williamson, Chair, Faculty Senate**

Professor Williamson described the duties of the Faculty Senate, its importance and role in the governance of the University. He also explained the responsibilities of its various committees, special awards and programs handled by the Senate. He mentioned the formation of an ad hoc committee charged to work on privacy issues and problems brought to the attention of the Senate by the university faculty. The Senate Office is in the process of evaluating three deans and fourteen administrators this year. He encouraged the faculty to attend Senate meetings and events.

**3. Comments and Questions for President Shalala and Provost LeBlanc**

The Council transmitted to the Dean some questions that they would like the President and Provost to address at the College faculty of November 19<sup>th</sup>. They noted in particular the issues with Cane Link, online education and intellectual property, study abroad, sponsored programs policies in the Gables versus Medical School, etc. Dean Bachas will formulate these questions along with those from the department chairs to share with the President and Provost prior to the faculty meeting.

**4. Approval of the Proposal for an Independent Major (IM)**

Dean Bachas and Associate Dean Maria Galli Stampino highlighted the rationale for the proposal for an Independent Major in the College. This is a very structured major, which will not only allow highly performing students to explore, but will also work as a retention tool. Many institutions offer this major either under a different name or a similar name. The Council suggested that some examples of the curriculum be added to the website to help faculty. After some discussion, it was voted to send the proposal to the College

faculty for action with some minor editing, including the revision of the GPA requirement from 3.25 to 3.5, addition of "in consultation if necessary with the departments", addition of at least two 300-level courses to be taken by the students as part of the required 30 credits, and to delete a sentence in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph. The edited version of the proposal will be forwarded to the faculty for their action.

The draft proposal for the establishment of a Program in Interdisciplinary Studies in the College, which will oversee the Independent Major and any other similar ventures, was approved to send forward to the College faculty for action.

**5. College Policy on Leaves and Supplemental Salary for Fellowships and Scholarships (New Top-Off Policy for Faculty Awards) -- Dean Bachas**

Dean Bachas mentioned that this policy is to help the faculty to apply or get nominated for prestigious fellowships and scholarships. This will establish ground rules for the top-off policy. A couple of changes were made to the previous version of this policy, in which a better clarification was made to eligibility and to also change the wording "must be approved by" the College's Office of Research Support Services and Administration to that of "must be processed" by RSSA.

**6. Faculty Support Policy: Review of Book-Length Manuscripts before Submission – Angel Kaifer**

Senior Associate Dean Kaifer explained this support policy for faculty and noted that it is extended to full-time lecturers as well. This is a policy similar to the external reviewer's policy already offered in the College.

**7. Approval of the DRAFT Agenda for the College Faculty Meeting of November 19, 2013**

The draft agenda for the College faculty meeting was approved.

**8. Other Business**

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

LGB/rkg