



To: A&S Council Members

From: Leonidas G. Bachas
Dean

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Subject: College Council Minutes for the September 9, 2013 Meeting
Physics Conference Room

Date: September 13, 2013

12:15 Lunch

12:30 Call to Order

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 15, 2013 Meeting (attached)

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

2. Dean's Remarks

Cane Link

Dean Bachas expressed some concerns with the Cane Link system and asked the College Council to share their experiences and/or commentary. Assistant Dean Athena Sanders composed a list of the problems, and were identified as:

1. Advisor assignment process – timeframe, procedures, updates, etc.
2. Classroom assignments and availability of classroom requirement information
3. Special Topic Courses – topic is not listed on initial search screen, it is only listed in course detail.
4. Department course enrollment lists and the inability to see those all at once. Query is not popular.
5. Waitlist functionality
 - a. Override process time intensive
 - b. Management of who's on the waitlist
 - c. When does someone drop and why
6. Faculty cannot download class rolls with UM C#s. The Testing Center still uses C#s on scan-trons and many faculty use C#s for grading and iClickers.

CAS Website

The main College of Arts & Sciences website is ready and the departments' sites will begin to show up one by one over the next few weeks.

Foreign Language Requirement

Discussions regarding the proposal from Modern Languages and Literatures for a Foreign Language Requirement will begin to take place this year. This proposal will be

sent to the College Curriculum Committee for review and will then be forwarded to the College Council.

3. Center for Latin American Studies' Proposed Name Change: "Miami Institute for the Americas"

Dr. Ariel Armony, Director of the University of Miami's Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), is proposing to change the current name "Center for Latin American Studies" to the "Miami Institute for the Americas". Dr. Armony summarized the rationale for the changes as:

- The current name of the unit does not permit it to tap adequately into the dynamics of Miami's social and economic diversity, as it merely mirrors approaches chosen by similar units around the country. Changing the name will more clearly imply what is studied.
- Renaming the center will identify better the mission of the current center and provide a better reflection of the people and cultures of the region (e.g., Caribbean) and thus be seen as more inclusive.
- The name change will resonate well with people in the region and be seen as non-hierarchical.
- The new name will better reflect current discussions and debates among academics who are examining current trends within the discipline of Latin American Studies.

Members of the College Council expressed concerns that rural American or the Canadian cultures would not be incorporated into the studies, that the new name would be confused for another institution, that the name was too global and left too much room for interpretation, that 'university' is not attached to the title, that the new name has a parochial ring to it, and a request as to what the budget implications are. Dr. Armony provided explanations to address these concerns. He also explained that the academic program will not change. Dean Bachas explained that there was no budget implication, and this proposal was simply a desire to change the name to define more clearly the direction that the Center wants to go.

A motion to approve this item as an action item (without recommendation) on the next Faculty Meeting Agenda was offered, seconded, and approved.

4. College ByLaws – Revision/Amendment

The Dean explained that he would like to form a committee of about six people to analyze and discuss any possible changes that need to be made to the College ByLaws. Anyone that is interested in becoming a member of the committee should send an e-mail to the Dean. A motion to establish a Committee to review the College Bylaws was unanimously approved by the College Council members.

5. Discussion and Approval of the Agenda for the Faculty Meeting of September 30, 2013 DRAFT:

A motion to approve the agenda for the upcoming Faculty Meeting minutes for September 30, 2013 was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

6. Other Business
Canes Total Reward Survey

The Canes Total Reward Survey is now available. All are encouraged to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.