



Date: November 9, 2016

To: College Council Members

From: Thomas Curtright *TTC*
Recorder, College Council

Subject: MINUTES of the College Council Meeting of Monday, October 24, 2016
Physics Conference Room

12:15 Lunch

12:30 Call to Order

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 19, 2016 Meeting

College Council Speaker, Professor Hugh Thomas, called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

2. Faculty Senate Chair-Dr. Tomas Salerno

Dr. Tomas Salerno, Chair of the Faculty Senate, spoke briefly to the Council. He introduced Robyn Hardeman, Secretary of the Senate. Dr. Salerno noted that the College is well represented on both the Faculty Senate and the General Welfare Committee. He stated that the Senate is dedicated to responding to the needs of the faculty, and he also encourages the College faculty to participate in the upcoming Senate awards. He spoke about Senate confidential meetings that are not open to the entire faculty, and encouraged the faculty to attend the Faculty Senate's general Meetings especially when they are held on the Gables campus. He stated the Faculty Senate spends a great deal of time on legislative matters, and anticipates the same sort of involvement regarding some of the proposals related to the Roadmap Initiatives. He urged the faculty to participate in the changes that the initiatives will bring about. He also mentioned that some initiatives will require the Senate as well as the Board of Trustees' approval before implementation.

3. Dean's Remarks

Dean Bachas introduced Dr. Maryann Tobin, Executive Director for programs, who will work with the departments to create professional masters' programs and online courses.

The Dean spoke about the Frost Institute for Chemistry and Molecular Science, which will be the first institute under the Frost Institutes. He noted that the specifics on how the gift will be utilized are being finalized. Dean Bachas and the Chemistry department plan to meet with President Frenk during this process. In anticipation of the need for a vote on the proposal for the Institute, it was suggested to change the date of the November faculty meeting. Senior Associate Dean Angel Kaifer added that the idea has been for the Frost Institutes to be an umbrella covering a series of institutes interdisciplinary in nature. The Chemistry and Molecular Science Institute is intended to

be a research institute. Decisions on the physical location and building layout have not been yet completed.

The University's new fundraising campaign will likely begin in early 2018. To facilitate the College's ability in fundraising, the Development Office will hire two additional officers, increasing the number of the staff to four to cover the Lowe Museum and STEM.

There is plan to build new housing for students. In approximately two years there will be a new low rise housing option for upperclassmen near the Pavia garage. Towers in the Hecht Residential College Commons will be demolished to build apartment-style residences. It is more cost efficient to rebuild than to refurbish the building. This could be a \$125 million project slated to take approximately eight years to complete. Eaton Residential College will remain as such. Professor Kathryn Sealey suggested informing the alumni on the impending demolition, and possibly having some sort of fundraising activity to bid the towers farewell.

4. Proposal from the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures to Amend the Existing Ph.D. Program in Romance Studies—Professor Tracy Devine Guzman will present.

Professor Tracy Devine Guzman from Modern Languages & Literatures (MLL) presented the proposal to amend the existing Ph.D. program in Romance Studies. The department is proposing this amendment in order to better use the limited resources of the department. This would involve changing the program from a traditional Romance program to a broader interdisciplinary program. There will not be a need for additional resources, and the department will be able to both recruit new students and accommodate the needs of students currently in the program. The department wishes to formalize the cognate field, with students taking six credits outside of MLL. Professor John Kirby suggested checking with the Classics department for help with the cognate. The changes will help better service current and future graduate students in their academic and non-academic job searches. The proposal to amend the existing Ph.D. program in Romance Studies was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved to forward to the College faculty for their action.

5. Roadmap Initiatives and What This Means for Arts & Sciences (led by Professor Kathryn Sealey)

Professor Sealey participated in the Roadmap Initiative Town Hall meetings which mainly featured the same information that is listed on the Roadmap Initiative webpage. Professor Sealey inquired about the formation of a sub-committee in the College to monitor faculty input regarding the Initiatives. Dean Bachas mentioned that there was a leadership meeting following the Town Hall meetings that dealt primarily with implementation of the ideas. Each initiative will have a lead administrator from the Provost's office, and progress will be reviewed periodically. The College may want to start thinking how it can take advantage of the Initiatives, possibly in terms of involvement with the upcoming institutes, and the 100 talents. Professor Sealey thinks a committee could try to help forge a sense of unity amongst the Colleges and Schools. There was no consensus for the creation of a sub-committee. Professor Moss suggested to have a good discussion within the College to start particularly in the departments and to report back to the Council.

6. Approval of New Dates for Next College Council and College Faculty Meetings

- a. College Council: **Monday, November 14th** instead of November 21st
- b. College Faculty: **Tuesday, November 29th** instead of November 15th

A motion to approve the new dates for the next College Council and College Faculty meetings was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

7. Proposed Agenda for the next College Faculty Meeting (November 29, 2016)-Additional items(s) may be added.

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the October 10, 2016 College Faculty Meeting

- b. Presentation by VP Haller of Enrollment Management: Update on Fall 2017 Entering Class. How can A&S help students' recruitment?
- c. Dean's Remarks
- d. Roadmap Initiatives-Frost Institutes (proposal)
- e. Approval of the proposal from the Department of Modern Languages & Literature to amend the existing Ph. D program in Romance Studies— (action item)
- f. United Way Campaign
- g. Budget Presentation
- h. Update on Faculty Diversity in the College
- i. Faculty Senate Report
- j. Other business: Holiday Celebration; Commencement Ceremony

The tentative agenda for the November 29, 2016 Faculty Meeting was presented. There is still time for additional items to be added to the agenda and presented at the next College Council meeting on November 14, 2016, if necessary. The motion to approve the meeting agenda was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved with the addendum that there may be more items added later on.

8. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.