

Faculty Council Meeting  
Dolan A202/203  
Aug. 30, 2017

The following Faculty Council members were in attendance: William Bockanic, Brent Brossmann (vice-chair), Emily Butler (chair), Mina Chercourt, Gwen Compton-Engle, Jeff Dyck, Kris Ehrhardt (secretary), Brendan Foreman, Marcus Gallo, Nathan Gehlert, Richard Greci, Dan Kilbride, Bo Liu, Michael Martin, Frank Navratil, Chris Sheil, David Shutkin, Kristen Tobey

The following members were absent: Medora Barnes, Mariah Webinger, Ruth Connell, Larry Cima, Paul Shick.

The agenda for the meeting was distributed in advance. The meeting started at 2:02pm.

Minutes

1) Chair's Announcements

- Butler welcomed and thanked everyone for adjusting to the new room.
- Minutes from the 4/29/17 meeting were approved by acclamation, pending correction.
- Butler pointed out the review period for revised e-mail policy (through Sept. 9): <http://sites.jcu.edu/hr/pages/resourcespolicies/policies-under-review/>, asked that faculty look at the policy, and noted that HR's setup is different from faculty discussions on Canvas, since you can't see other people's comments.

2) Items for Business

- Introductions: members went around the room and introduced themselves.
  - Rodney Hessinger will be sitting in for Dan Kilbride (on Grauel) this semester
- Brief introduction to Council procedures: Butler discussed the committee structure. Ehrhardt talked about the FC attendance policy—no more than three absences of FC meetings or of general Faculty meetings in a year. Butler the most urgent priority of the meeting is establishing reps to the board, but often we'll have other questions that we need to get answered.
- Voting: The candidates for various positions (indented within each discussion below) were approved by acclamation by all members present.
  - FC Parliamentarian: Doug Bruce
- Representatives to Board committees: Board has committees that need faculty resource members—it used to need to be people on FC, but that's been broadened to the entire

faculty. People who are elected to these seats will be required to attend the meetings and write up notes for faculty council.

- Academic Affairs: Emily Butler (Chair of Faculty Council)
  - Advancement: Mindy Peden
  - Finance: Frank Navratil (Chair of Faculty Committee on Finance, Compensation, and Work-related Policies)
  - Investments: Feng Zhan
  - Mission and Identity: Sheila McGinn
  - Property, Facilities, and Technology: Brent Brossmann
  - Student Affairs: Mina Chercourt
- Representatives to UCSLE and UCEP
    - UCSLE (FC-appointed): David Shutkin
    - UCEP (FC-appointed): Rick Grenci
  - Representative to Core Committee: Brossmann offered to double-dip as the FC Core Committee representative and as the Oral Presentation rep. Hesinger agreed that the committee was already large enough that it didn't require another person on it.
    - Core (FC-appointed): Brent Brossmann
  - How to select representatives to UCAPP (formerly, UCIE): a great deal of discussion, mostly between FC members and the provost. Santilli addressed the initial question of who was currently serving on UCAPP, namely Todd Bruce, Santilli himself, Carol Dietz in facilities, Jim Burke in IT, and two Staff Council representatives. As for the work of the committee, Santilli mentioned the sorts of administrative things that need to be answered, e.g. Admin program reviews—they'll have oversight of that process or the admin policies. A is for Administrative, not Academics. UCIE was an incorrect title and should not exist.

Gallo asked what was happening with the UCAPP website. Santilli replied that it wasn't even supposed to exist yet, so if it looks weird, that's why. But the site will have all the info with all the five university collaborative committees including rosters, agendas, minutes of meetings—as a public face to all the major committees, with the other committees nested underneath.

Santilli also discussed the next round of HLC work at the university. He noted that HLC working group will be different from the other main university committees, since after 2019, we'll decide again whether we'll keep those same committees or make the smaller. He added that HLC has us on the standard pathway, with visits in year 4 and 10 and that there will be a community meeting in the fall to get everyone ready. But HLC is separate committee than UCAPP.

Butler raised a few questions to FC: who among faculty should serve on this committee? Should it be limited to only FC members? Or should it be subject to an election by the whole faculty?

Dyck liked the idea of having someone who will talk to FC about what's going on with this committee. Compton-Engle asked whether we have a rule about how many committees a FC member can be a part of? (answer, yes, but that only applies to FC committees). Brossmann proposed electing someone from the full faculty but include a requirement that people serving in this position need to give a report to FC once a semester.

A discussion of term-length ensued, leading to a consensus on two positions with staggered 3-year terms, with the initial election call going out for one 2-year term and one 3-year term.

- How to select representatives to HLC criterion working groups: Butler noted that we want to fill HLC task force positions quickly. How should we do this? A few possibilities: Council appoints representatives, but they don't need to be members. Or representatives could be elected by faculty at large—which would have the advantage of more people available, perhaps other people will get involved, except that it would also take much more time. Alternately, we could let the people who head up the committees appoint people to be on the committees. Term would be through spring 2019. Is this the kind of work that we imagine people fighting to do it? Charge for these positions will include periodic reports to FC to know what's going on.

Navratil noted that this seems more administrative than faculty governance and was willing to trust the people in charge to make these decisions. Martin and Santilli agreed that they would be happy to come and update FC about what's going on from time to time. Santilli added that he just wanted to make sure that FC had a chance to make the decision about representation. Expressing his appreciation about that, Brossmann asked whether they had enough people on these committees already. Santilli replied yes, and noted that the reason that Criteria 3 and 4 are bigger committees is that they are related to academics—which is what we do. Santilli added that they had been mindful about creating a balance between Boler and CAS. Foreman suggested asking FOCO or Gender and Diversity if they needed more representation for Criterion 2. Gehlert asked whether FC could come back in the future and revisit this issue of representation. Brossmann thought there would be nothing stopping us from asking the Provost for more of our own reps on the committee later. Dyck noted that these are ad hoc committees and they'll go away when they're no longer needed.

By another vote of acclamation, FC approved that Mike Martin and Nick Santilli may make decisions about adding extra FC member representation to the HLC working groups.

Santilli ended by saying he thought it was important to keep everyone involved and that he was happy to keep tradition of meeting regularly with officers. (*exit Santilli*)

- Representatives to UCCG and to USPG steering committee: Butler began by noting that Barbara D'Ambrosia (former FC Chair) was serving on both committees now—but should we have names, not positions on UCCG (University Committee on Collaborative Governance). D'Ambrosia is happy to continue on USPG, but we're not sure what the structure of UCCG is going to be. Is it expanding? Historically, UCCG began by looking at governance structures; originally it consisted of three people—Jeanne Colleran, Barbara D'Ambrosia, and Tom Longin. Whether they are getting a steering committee or increasing, we don't know, and no one seems to know. Gehlert suggested that we wait until we know more about what the charge is, what they're doing.

Gallo proposed that it makes sense to have the FC Chair sit on the USPG so that we have someone there. As a point of clarification, Butler pointed out that the FC Chair is definitely on USPG—but the question should be whether the Chair should be on the Steering Committee as well? Brossmann stated that everything the Steering Committee comes back through the main USPG. But Navratil noted that agendas are set by the steering committee and this could be powerful, so we do want our Chair to be there so that we get a report back here.

Vote by acclamation that FC Chair should sit on USPG Steering Committee. The issue of UCCG representation was tabled until we receive more information about its structure.

- FC member for Celebrate the Spirit procession: Butler asked if anyone had a burning desire to carry a candle at the Mass. No one present volunteered.

Butler summarized the vacancies that will need to be filled in the upcoming election in addition to the new positions created above: many vacancies in Division V, two voting positions to the Core. Call for nominations will happen at the first faculty meeting. Members were urged to help find candidates.

In the interest of time, Agenda items 3 and 4 were skipped (Committee reports and Items for FC attention this semester). For item 5, the Agenda for the first faculty meeting (September 20, 2017) was set to focus on introductions of new faculty and the first election.

6) New Business: Gehlert asked about the discussion of the process of approving new programs and how to account for transitioning governance structures—Counselling is trying to get a new proposal through. Butler replied that it was on the radar for the next meeting.

7) The meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.