

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Assembly

Minutes

Kinard 018, October 6, 2023 2:00 pm

- I. Welcome—Dave Pretty
 - a. Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2023, meeting (Appendix A)
 - a. Cory Lundquist: Under Presentation by Office of Accessibility, Karry Medlin (Testing and Operations), should instead read **Karen** Medlin.
 - b. Approved with corrections
- III. CAS Committees
 - a. CAS Curriculum Committee—Valerie Jepsen (Appendix B)
 - i. Changes in numbering of Chemistry courses necessitated changes to other programs for which the course is a prerequisite.
 1. Numerous Biology courses made changes to prerequisites
 2. Other Biology courses updated goals, descriptions, and prerequisites
 3. Human Nutrition updated prerequisite for several courses
 - ii. Sociology 201. Name change from Principles of Sociology to Introduction to Sociology.
 - iii. New courses
 - iv. All course changes approved
 - v. New Program: BA in Criminal Justice
 1. Two tracts
 - a. General Criminal Justice
 - b. Cyber and Corporate Crime
 2. New program approved
 - vi. Several course proposals were erroneously approved previously due to transition to CourseDog. These have now been approved by the Curriculum Committee and were brought to the Faculty Assembly for approval.
 1. Tom Polaski: MATH 216 on slide should read MATH 261
 2. Courses approved
 - vii. Courses not needing approval.
 1. No discussion
 - viii. Next Curriculum Committee meeting October 24, 2023 in Kinard 105 11:00 am
 - b. CAS Diversity and Inclusion Committee –Hope Lima and Takita Sumter
 - i. Presentation of IDEA Award (2022-2023)
 1. 5 summaries received
 2. Honorable Mentions:
 - a. English: courses highlight works by individuals from underrepresented groups. Podcast.
 - b. Mass Communication: relaunch of Indigenous Film Series

- c. Political Science: Faculty led DEI workshops. Organized sexuality and gender equality week
 - d. Social Work: Honoring Black Social Workers award.
 - 3. Award presented to Department of Biology
 - a. Highlights of some of the department's efforts: Hosting DEI events; department DEI committee; DEI-oriented invited speaker; Biology Success Committee focused on student retention and graduation rates; graduating student survey with demographic data to measure student feedback on program.
 - b. Daniel Stovall, Chair of the Biology Success Committee, received the award. Department also recognized Jennifer Schafer and Lauren Brasington as chairs of the DEI committee
 - c. Department of Biology received a plaque and a grant to support additional DEI efforts.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. No old business
- V. New Business
 - a. No new business
- VI. Remarks from the Dean—Takita Sumter
 - a. Welcome: Nikole J. Kidd, as new Director of Field Education in Social Work. A Howard alum previously at Johnson C Smith University and a Winthrop adjunct.
 - b. Enrollment
 - i. Enrollment Update for Fall 2023
 - 1. Highlighted several programs that have increased their enrollments in 2023 over 2022: Biology, English, Environmental Programs, Data Science, Political Science, Modern Languages
 - ii. CAS is working to help build enrollment and support retention
 - iii. Completed applications for Fall 2024 show significant increase in CAS over 2022 and 2023
 - 1. Highlighted several programs that have increased enrollments: English, History, Mass Communication, STEM disciplines
 - c. Faculty kudos: highlighted accomplishments by faculty, including new publications, grants awarded and submitted, and student and professional development efforts.
- VII. Announcements
 - a. SURE Poster session Today 10/6/2023, 3:00 – 5:00 pm in Richardson Ballroom
 - b. Encore Distinguished Lectures Series: Friday Nov 10, 2023 from 2:15 – 4:45 pm
 - i. Dr. Guy Reel
 - ii. Dr. Janice Chism
 - iii. Dr. Donald Rakestraw
 - c. CAS faculty advising session 10/12/2023 11:30-12:15, location TBD

- d. Cory Lundquist (Faculty Committee on University Life): Asks faculty to bring any concerns or proposals for FCUL. Also reminds faculty that today (10/6/23) is the final day to complete FCUL wellbeing survey (by 5:00 pm).
- e. Next CAS Faculty Assembly scheduled for 1/12/2024. Agenda items due by 1/5/2024
- f. Greg Oaks: Curriculum committee meets on 1/2/2024. Asks faculty to submit curriculum for spring before the holidays to be considered at the meeting.
- g. Grad faculty committee meets immediately after adjournment.
- h. Takita Sumter: Two weddings in CAS
 - i. Kim Painter (staff member in Chemistry) and Stefan Wunderlich (staff member in Biology)
 - ii. Hope Lima (Human Nutrition)

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned: 2:38 pm

Note: Quorum (35% of full-time faculty) is 49 faculty members for Faculty Assembly. The minimum attendance to do business (20% of full-time faculty) is 28 faculty members.

Minutes submitted by Lauren E. Kohut