

College of Arts and Letters
2021-2022 Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021, Webex

Call to Order 4:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Present: Alam, Alamina, Allred, Amialchuk (for Sapci), Baltus, Beatty, Benton, Black, Branson, Caceres, Case, Christman, Compura, Cook, Crookston, Dunn, Emonds

The Committee also met with the Provost and discussed replacing retired support staff, citing a need for faculty clerical support.

President Postel attended the Faculty Senate meeting and reviewed the HLC visit of earlier that day. The team gave President Postel an informal view of their impressions, characterized by Postel as "extremely good with many compliments." The HLC team referred specifically to progress and transparency during the COVID crisis and stated that they were pleased with the budget conversion, overall financial stability, and assessment at the University. A draft of the report will be available ten days after the initial HLC visit and a final report will follow.

The Strategic Planning process is underway and a committee of 22 people has been chosen. Jason Holly of Faculty Senate will co-chair with Anne Fulkerson, Assistant Vice Provost for Institutional Research.

President Postel reported that the University currently has 2400 more Direct from High School applications for next fall, the highest since 2018.

by committee. Council members discussed concerns regarding how this may negatively impact graduate funding in the College.

President Postel attended and noted that graduate education had to be a priority and addressed in the Strategic Plan. He stated that it is extremely important to the University of Toledo and as a university of our type, we had a relatively high percentage of graduate students enrolled compared to other universities. He also noted that a much stronger centralized recruiting effort should be in place in addition to efforts within the Colleges.

Curriculum Report: Linda Rouillard

Program Proposals: Graphic Design Certificate. Vote: approved.

Program Modifications: Studio Art BFA – Graphic

Constitution Report: Stephen Sakowski

Discussed via email the amendment that will be proposed at the next meeting; the amendment proposes that new programs be treated as New Business rather than Old Business, as stated in the current Constitution and Bylaws. This will allow all departments the time to review and discuss proposed new programs.

Announcements

The deadline for Summer Fellowships for tenure-track faculty research is January 20th.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn; Second; Motion Approved; Meeting Adjourned