

**FORDHAM UNIVERSITY  
ARTS AND SCIENCES COUNCIL**

**Meeting #80 Wednesday 08 March 2017  
Videoconferenced  
MAR 525 at Lincoln Center and Dealy 115 at Rose Hill**

Attending: Profs. Beer, Botton, Benavides, Bush, Clark, Cruz-Malavé, DeLuca, Drummond, Fader, Farland, Fessatidis, Hendler, Davis for Hornbeck, Hume, Anderson S.J. for Idris, Kim, Lewis, Mattson, McArver, McDermott, McGee, McGowan, Morris, Mundy, Poor, Reich, Rosenfeld, Roy, van Buren, Weiss; Student Representatives: Andrew Hamilton(FCRH), Leighton Magoon(FCLC), Chris Rose(GSAS); Deans: Badowska, Mast; Associate Deans: Annunziato, Labonte, Moniot, O'Connell, Romney; Visitors: Ms. Kenny, Prof. Weinshenker, Brian Reardon (FCRH), Justin Poole (GSAS); Recording Secretary: Maura Gallagher.

Not Present: Profs. Aronson, Cahill, Cruise (excused), Foster, Hafner, A.Hinze, Kueny, McLeod, Myers; Deans: Davidson, Grimes S.J. (excused); Associate Deans (excused): Houston, Vernazza.

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The meeting was convened by John P. Harrington, Dean of Arts & Sciences Faculty, at 3:34 P.M.

**I. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of meeting #79 on 07 December 2016 were approved (23-0-6).

**II. Reports of the Standing Committees:**

- A. Core Curriculum: Prof. Hume had no Committee report, but introduced Prof. Reich, Chair of the American Pluralism Sub-committee, to give a report on Pluralism activities. Prof. Reich reported the faculty and students on the committee have met twice to assess the mandate of the President's response to the Diversity Task Force for the pluralism requirement. They are also looking at peer/aspirant, local and Jesuit institutions and their requirements, and will begin the assessment of the syllabi shortly. The English department is reworking the composition courses, Theology is looking at Faith and Critical Reasoning, and Philosophy is reviewing the curriculum of Philosophy of Human Nature.
- B. Majors and Curriculum Committee: Prof. Cruise was out of town. Dean Harrington reported that the Committee unanimously recommended the proposal from the Computer and Information Science department to add Calculus I as a major requirement. The Council approved the change (29,0,0).
- C. STEM Committee: Dean Harrington reported the committee is waiting on outcomes from meetings of Dean Mast and the science department chairs and from. As an update, Dean Harrington mentioned that he was now heading Fordham's Clare Boothe Luce Program, and that there would be a STEM table and 2 GSAS tables at the Founders Day Dinner.
- D. Nominating Committee: There was no report.
- E. Faculty Evaluation Committee: Prof. McDermott reported the Committee, in an effort to increase the participation rate, recommended the purchase of a \$4,500 MacBook for a lottery for those who responded on time for all their classes. She also requested input for faculty incentives. The Council discussed the proposal and other suggestions, and voted to approve the recommendation (24,3,5).
- F. Faculty Policy and Resources Committee: Dean Harrington proposed this item wait for the CUSP discussion.

**III. Agenda Items:**

- A. Matthew Weinshenker, Faculty Senate Library  
Prof. Weinshenker reported that the library is seeking input from faculty on what to add to its collections, report attached. There was some discussion about the need and difficulty of getting journals and book series, lack of funding for the library, and the need for the library to have bibliographers. One member thought the faculty needed to ask the Library for a vision of its place as the center of campus life, another praised the new librarians for introducing new pedagogies into the classroom. Dean Badowska proposed that graduate students be given additional professional development by having them be bibliographers in their fields.
- B. Eva Badowska, CUSP Executive Committee

Dean Badowska reported on the second phase of CUSP, coming up with a vision for itself. The focus is on local planning committees with CUSP supporting them, being a collating center for them, and facilitating communication by sending 2 of their members who are outside the local committee as liaisons to each planning committee. They are also looking at the relationship of the six umbrella priorities and the 50 by 20 Plan. For the 50 by 20 Metric, the University is looking at ways to tweak some things (for example class size) while paying attention to keeping classes pedagogically strong. All local planning units are invited to the April 27<sup>th</sup> University-wide CUSP meeting.

#### **IV. Informational Reports:**

- A. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: Dean Badowska reported Fordham won Center for Academic Excellency designation until 2022 from NSA National Homeland Security as a Cybersecurity Educational University, across all Fordham schools. This means additional federal tuition funding and federal research funding, along with the prestige – a huge coup based on a tremendous effort by all involved.
- B. School of Professional and Continuing Studies: Dean O’Connell reported that the Fordham Institute for Real Estate has been launched.
- C. Council of Fordham College Rose Hill: Dean Mast announced that summer on-line courses were approved again this year; the *Sapiens et Doctrina* Lecture will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is World Water Day, and the college will be sponsoring lots of events that day; the Undergraduate Research Symposium was scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> and asked faculty to encourage students to submit.
- D. Council of Fordham College Lincoln Center: Dean Moniot reported that they were expanding the on-line summer courses; renovation on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor continues with offices for CIS, PSYCH, SSW, Theatre Design and 2 undergraduate classrooms, 1 cybersecurity classroom and a new and larger Psych lab.
- E. Faculty Senate: Prof. Clark reported on the contentious health benefits and salary negotiations which is being negotiated for all employees, not just faculty, and announced that there would be a university-wide faculty meeting at 1:00 pm on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The healthcare changes proposed by administration would cost everyone an additional \$3,00-5,00 a year, which would be a huge increase for union and administrators making \$40,000 a year. The Senate is considering a Work to Rule movement that would vastly change the way faculty relate to students and administration.
- F. Student Representatives: Mr. Hamilton, from FCRH, spoke about the Undergraduate Research Day and Mr. Magoon, from FCLC, spoke of their work for the Disability Group’s lecture on March 28<sup>th</sup> and looking forward to spring break.

Dean Harrington asked the Council for additional agenda items for the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 P.M.

REMAINING A&S COUNCIL DATES:

April 26<sup>th</sup>

To: Members of the Arts & Sciences Council

From: Matthew Weinshenker (Soc & Anthro), Chair, Faculty Library Committee

Date: March 8, 2017

Re: Please encourage your faculty to tell the library about their priority subjects and to order books!

Fordham librarians seek input about titles and subjects to add to the collection. The

library must be more strategic about acquisitions than in the past:

- This is an era of budget discipline throughout the university.
- The cost of materials is rising rapidly, particularly when those materials are in electronic form. The trend is compounded by "bundling" of electronic resources.

Therefore, *it is in faculty members' interests to make their needs known!*

Two ways to make contact.

1. Library liaisons: <http://fordham.libguides.com/LiaisonContactInformation>
2. Library Web site: Resources menu...Order a Book