

**FORDHAM UNIVERSITY  
ARTS AND SCIENCES COUNCIL**

**Meeting #81 Wednesday 26 April 2017  
Videoconferenced  
MAR 525 at Lincoln Center and Dealy 115 at Rose Hill**

Attending: Profs. Beer, Fessatidis, Foster, Hafner, Hornbeck, Hume, Lewis, Mattson, McArver, McDermott, McGowan, Morris, Mundy, Myers, Poor, Reich, Rosenfeld, Weiss; Student Representatives: Chris Rose(GSAS), Susan Kibe (PCS); Deans: Badowska, Grimes, S.J., Dzieglewicz, S.J. for Mast; Associate Deans: Moniot, O'Connell; Visitors: Ms. Kenny, Andrew Danckek; Recording Secretary: Maura Gallagher

Not Present: Profs. Aronson, Benavides, Botton, Bush, Cahill, , Clark, Cruise, Cruz-Malavé, DeLuca, Drummond, Fader, Farland, Hendler, A.Hinze, Idris, Kim, Kueny, McLeod, McGee, Roy, van Buren; Student Representatives: Andrew Hamilton(FCRH), Leighton Magoon(FCLC); Deans: Davidson); Associate Deans: Annunziato, Labonte, Houston, Romney, Vernazza.

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The meeting was convened by John P. Harrington, Dean of Arts & Sciences Faculty, at 3:35 P.M.

**Announcement**

Dean Harrington reported there would be changes this year in the Strategic Planning Cycle, one of which is a new, briefer template which will be sent out as soon as it's available. The second change is a preliminary planning meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> for all Chairs and Program Directors from 10:00-1:00, which will replace the usual individual planning meetings with the Deans. In preparation for May 8th, he asked everyone to upload their preliminary ideas ahead of time onto google drive, and all reports would be available for viewing by other departments and programs.

**I. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of meeting #80 on 08 March 2017 were approved (19-0-2).

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

A. Core Curriculum: In addressing diversity, Prof. Hume spoke of the American Pluralism requirement, and said that there are other areas of the Core where diversity can be taught, but the Committee would wait for the Pluralism assessment before looking at Values, Capstones, etc. In answer to the question of how effective any new courses would be if the faculty doesn't have the training and support to teach them as envisioned, he indicated the CCC was mindful of the difficulties without a pedagogy training vehicle in place.

He then turned the meeting over to Prof. Reich, Chair of the American Pluralism sub-committee, who reported on the assessment undertaken by the committee this semester. Reviewing 70 schools, they found 41-29 that the diversity requirement had no standards, and none of the schools had information on how the classes were taught. In reviewing American Pluralism syllabi and evaluating how the syllabi satisfy the requirements, they noted the lack of Pluralism science courses. Addressing the issue of "how we teach" with students, the feedback was to do it organically rather than from a Pedagogy Center, to get into it, do it and don't wait until it is "finished", because there is a need to address this as soon as possible. Lastly, Prof. Reich said the committee anticipates producing a report by the end of spring semester. Mention was made that it all started with a course called American Pluralism, and there was some discussion of this approach but, since data are still being collected, further discussion was left to another meeting.

B. Majors and Curriculum Committee: Prof. Cruise was out of town. Dean Harrington summarized the report on Political Science's methods intensive course requirement, which developed from the department's 2011 external review. After discussion, the Council unanimously approved the change (19,0,0).

C. Science Education Committee: Dean Harrington reported the committee is waiting on outcomes from meetings of Dean Mast and the science department chairs, who are working on a Constitution. The STEM Council is bringing alumni into faculty development and renewal, facilities, and new programs across colleges for Arts & Sciences.

D. Nominating Committee: There was no report.

- E. Faculty Evaluation Committee: Prof. McDermott reported there was no new business. The committee has determined it was not feasible to put the MacBook student incentive in place, and are looking for ways to motivate the faculty rather than the students.
- F. Faculty Policy and Resources Committee: Dean Harrington reported that this committee would bring together planning initiatives from CUSP and local A&S planning committees. Prof. Hornbeck, reporting on CUSP, explained they were working with local planning committees, each of which are engaging in strategic planning. These documents are not yet ready to be disseminated, but are being used by the committees to further develop their plans.

### III. Agenda Items:

#### A. Arts and Sciences Transition

Since Dean Harrington will be stepping down from his current role at the end of June 2017 and assuming a new role as Academic Dean at Fordham University London Centre, Dean Badowska has been appointed Interim Dean of A&S Faculty and Interim AVP for Arts and Sciences Education. Dean Badowska spoke of her work next year as building on Dean Harrington's emphasis on the enhancement of the role of department chairs. It is, among others, through the strengthening of the role of department chairs that A&S has developed more of that "unified voice" that the 2014 White Paper on the future of A&S called for. Dean Badowska spoke about the importance of thinking more holistically about, for example, A&S budgets and she emphasized the need for A&S-wide strategic planning. In addition to Ms. Vickie Kenny assuming an enhanced position as Senior Director of Finance and Administration in A&S, Dean Badowska indicated she would be appointing a full-time Acting Associate Dean for A&S. In response to a question about whether these two roles (Dean of Faculty and Dean of GSAS) will be combined into the future, she responded that no decisions on this have been reached and the next two years will be an opportunity to work together to reimagine the function and structure of A&S.

### IV. Informational Items:

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: Dean Badowska reported the school's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, featuring CNN's Fareed Zakaria, was a great success. During the year, GSAS completed significant work on CUSP-related planning, including data and SWOT-type analysis, in order to arrive at a draft of major strategic initiatives that include student support and programmatic development. She again stated the importance of A&S-wide strategic planning, to bring school-level planning into a broader perspective.

- A. School of Professional and Continuing Studies: Associate Dean O'Connell reported that the Fordham Institute for Real Estate has been attracting a lot of attention, with 60 incoming applicants and 80-90 estimated in their strategic planning. Six new certificates are being rolled out this summer, the pre-health program continues to expand with the support of the Natural Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Math departments, and a Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Med program is doing well.
- B. Council of Fordham College at Rose Hill: Dean Mast announced the success of this year's *Sapiens et Doctrina* lecture, and reported that the Undergraduate Research Symposium has 75 faculty and over 200 students scheduled to participate. After successful sessions this spring, their planning committee will have a draft of the strategic plan in the fall. She also reported that the Honors Program was continuing their self-study throughout the spring semester and Eve Keller will present a report to the Council at the fall meeting.
- C. Council of Fordham College at Lincoln Center: Fr. Grimes reported on the successful 2017 ARS Nova: Arts and Research Showcase, that the FCLC mock trial team advanced to the National Championship at UCLA, and that construction continued on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. The FCLC Council has been occupied with denying club status to the Students for Palestine and the attendant disciplinary procedures, which will be carried over to next fall.
- D. Faculty Senate: Prof. Hornbeck reported that the negotiations on faculty salary and benefits continue.
- E. Student Representatives: no announcements.

### New Business:

The Council thanked Dean Harrington for his years of service as Dean of A&S Faculty. He responded that, although he would be working for A&S mostly in London, he would be returning to New York from time to time.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.