Minutes
College of Arts and Humanities
General Faculty Meeting Spring 2017
April 27, 2017

I. Call to Order
• Dean Pauline Gagnon called the meeting to order at 3:32PM

II. Approval of Minutes
• The minutes for the Fall 2016 COAH General Faculty Meeting were approved.

III. Dean’s Welcome
• Dean Gagnon welcomed the COAH faculty to the Spring General Faculty Meeting.

• Dean Gagnon opened by thanking the staff of the Dean’s Office, including Elizabeth Kramer, Clint Samples, Harry Nelson, Arielle Vaughn, and Melissa Sullivan. Dean Gagnon emphasized that she and the entire Dean’s Office work for the faculty and students of the COAH. She displayed a wolf sculpture to emphasize the work done by COAH faculty.

• Dean Gagnon then turned to COAH Kudos. She saluted the successes of all COAH departments over the past academic year.

• She turned to speaking about the hard work of department chairs and the COAH Executive Committee, mentioning that revisions to the COAH vision and mission statements were made, voted on, and approved during the year. Dean Gagnon mentioned that next year, the COAH would revisit the College’s strategic plan.

• The Dean moved to discussing her initiatives for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. She aims to establish fellow & associate opportunities at the college level to help foster new leaders and new ideas. She plans to focus on increasing recruitment and, thereby, participate in the UWG 2020 goal of achieving an overall student population of 15,000. COAH, the Dean mentioned, would particularly target transfer student and adult student populations. The COAH will also, so Dean Gagnon stated, increase its grant and foundation work, and, in so doing, assist in the UWG 2020 goal of 10 million dollars in funding. In addition, COAH aims to increase support and aid to faculty. Finally, the Dean mentioned she wished to begin a new COAH tradition with theme years. Proposed themes would be revealed to the faculty to vote on next week.

• Dean Gagnon closed her overall welcome by stating that Engage West results would be disseminated to faculty later in the week and officially “rolled out” in August. Over the summer, chairs and deans would be working with results. Dean Gagnon stressed her desire to hear from faculty and welcomed all feedback.

IV. LEAP West! (David Newton)
• Dean Gagnon turned the floor over to Dr. Newton, director of UWG’s LEAP West program.
• Dr. Newton offered the faculty a brief overview of the program’s progress. Over the past year, he stated, LEAP West has been identifying core issues to be addressed and developing an overall plan.

• This year, Dr. Newton went on, had also been devoted to connecting people together, developing a LEAP vision for UWG, establishing a steering committee, fostering collaboration between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, and creating a Committee on Community Engagement.

• The Steering Committee crafted recommendations for the next stage of the LEAP West Project, including:
  1) creating First Year Seminars. This fall, the 27 pilot courses will be offered, the majority taught by COAH faculty.
  2) thinking about guided pathways for students to connect core to major to career.
  3) identifying, highlighting, and promoting experiential learning across UWG.
  4) offering students a capstone experience

• Dr. Newton then invited COAH faculty to join the LEAP initiatives. He thanked the faculty for their support and briefly took several questions.

V. COAH Committee Reports
• Committee chairs then reported in turn:

A. SOTA (Casey McGuire)
• After thanking the SOTA staff, Acting Director McGuire thanked the COAH faculty. She mentioned the night school, the Stone Visiting Artist series, the coming film studies program, and the Art Takeover.

B. Executive Committee (Joshua Byrd)
• Committee Chair Byrd thanked faculty for their catalog submissions and statements regarding the revisions to the Vision and Mission Statements.

1. Online Committee (Keith Pacholl)
• Committee Chair Pacholl also thanked his committee members and spoke about the committee’s work over 2016-2017, including disseminating a questionnaire, and holding training workshops. He spoke about the questionnaire responses and discussed the workshops and training activities. He then turned to underline next year’s goals, including continuing the lunch-and-learn workshops, continued collaboration with UWG Online, and developing recommendations for online training.

2. Graduate Studies Committee (Jeffrey Zamostny)
• Committee Chair Zamostny thanked his committee. He discussed the purpose of the Graduate Studies Committee. He then mentioned that over the past year, the committee focused on the issue of recruitment, looking through guiding principles, developing practical steps, and investigating different models of recruitment. Next year, Chair Zamostny assured the faculty, the committee would continue this work, focusing especially upon minority students. Chair
Zamostny stated that the committee worked closely with other organizations across campus, especially the Graduate School. In this work, the committee helped develop policies regarding course retakes and grade replacement, policies approved by the UWG Faculty Senate. The committee also worked on policies for updating the catalog.

C. COAH Study Abroad Committee (Lynn Anderson)
• Committee Chair Anderson thanked all COAH Study Abroad program directors for their hard work over the year on behalf of students. She mentioned that 73 students were studying abroad this summer in COAH programs. She then went through each program and underlined the overall success of Study Abroad in COAH.

D. COAH Promotion and Tenure Committee (Keith Bohannon)
• Committee Chair Bohannon detailed all the successes of the past year, saluting the 10 COAH members who earned promotions, including Carol Gingrich, Crystal Shelnutt, Dave Collins, Betsy Dahms, Jeffrey Zamostny, Julia Farmer, Katie Chapel, Margaret Mitchell, Mark Schoon, and Meg Pearson.

E. COAH Faculty Advisory Committee (Brad Darvas)
• Besides awarding the Lovvorn and Pafford scholarships, the committee rewrote the award guidelines, as noted by Committee Chair Darvas. He then mentioned that the senate committee has been reassigned and that COAH Faculty Recognition Awards in Teaching, Research, and Arts have been established.

F. The COAH Faculty Recognition Awards (Dean Gagnon)
• Dean Gagnon announced the establishment of these new awards. Winners receive $1000 in professional development funds and a week-long residency as part of an Senebe Artist In Residence partnership. The first winners are:
  • Arts = Allison Umminger
  • Teaching = Muriel Cormican
  • Research = Daniel Williams

G. Other Business
• Dean Gagnon reminded the faculty that the UWG Engage West results would be sent out soon. She also stated that the potential themes to be voted upon for next year are: borders, truth, gender.

H. Adjournment
• Dean Gagnon adjourned the meeting at 4:27PM.