

Please note that the following minutes have not yet been approved by the assembly.

**Minutes of the Faculty Assembly
College of Arts, Sciences, and Education
Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

1. The CASE faculty assembly meeting started at 2:15 PM with a **motion to approve the agenda**. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Next there was a motion to approve [Minutes from Spring Assembly](#)** which also passed unanimously
3. **Welcome and Introductions of New Faculty (Chairs and Faculty)**

New faculty introductions were made by the following departments:
Chemistry, Math and Statistics, Philosophy, Physics, Psych, Biology, Earth and Environment, English, Leadership and Professional Studies, teaching and learning, Excellence in Writing

4. Assembly Motions

a. Leadership and Professional Studies:

According to Article II, E, 2 of the CASE Constitution:

Proposed reorganizations of the College and/or its constituent units shall be referred to the President of the Council, the Chair of the Assembly, and all affected units in a timely fashion, such that faculty can provide meaningful input. Reorganizations require thorough and appropriate deliberation with advisory votes taken by the Council of Chairs and the Assembly, which may be transmitted to the Dean, Provost, University President, and the Board of Trustees. Reorganizations must comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Faculty Senate, and be approved by the University President and Provost.

***Motion 1:** The Department of Leadership and Professional Studies will divide into two separate departments: The Department of Educational Policy Studies and the Department of Counseling, Recreation, and School Psychology.*

Martha explained the reason for the motion. The two departments were merged in 2009 due to budget reasons but the union was forced. Now that the budget is better, the departments want to split. The split was first discussed when the school of education was merged with CAS. However the timeline was not right.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon approval of Motion 1, the following 2 motions are offered to change the language in the By-Laws of the CASE Constitution:

***Motion 2:** The Steering Committee moves that Article IV, Elections and Appointments, Section A of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education By-laws be modified to remove the Department: Leadership and Professional Studies and include the Department of Educational Policy Studies and the Department of Counseling, Recreation, and School Psychology as the constituent units of the College.*

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. For electoral purposes, the constituent units of the College are:

Biological Sciences	Math and Statistics
Chemistry and Biochemistry	Philosophy
Counseling, Recreation, and School Psychology	Physics
Earth and Environment	Psychology
Educational Policy Studies	Teaching and Learning
English	
Leadership and Professional Studies	

The motion passed unanimously

***Motion 3:** The Steering Committee moves that Article V, Committees, Section A, At-Large Committees, Number 2 of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education By-Laws be modified to remove the Department of Leadership and Professional Studies and include the Department of Educational Policy Studies and the Department of Counseling, Recreation, and School Psychology in the Education discipline groups of the college.*

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

A. At-Large Committees.

1. Each at-large committee is elected by the faculty of the College, unless otherwise indicated in the College Constitution or these By-Laws.
2. At-large committees must have no more than two members from one discipline group. The discipline groups of the College and their respective units are:

Life and Behavioral Sciences:	Biological Sciences, Psychology
Education:	Counseling, Recreation, and School Psychology, Educational Policy Studies, and Teaching and Learning, Leadership and Professional Studies,
Humanities:	English, Philosophy
Physical and Mathematical Sciences:	Chemistry and Biochemistry, Earth and Environment, Math and Statistics, Physics

The motion passed unanimously

College Organization and Governance Motion

Motion 4: *The Steering Committee recommends the following addition “Administrative reorganizations of departments in the form of combining or separating departments must first be approved by the faculty in the affected departments prior to further deliberations within the college” be made to Section II,E,2 of the College of Arts, Science, and Education Constitution:*

This motion came out from Steering committee due to reorganization of the school of education and the following discussion whether reorganizations were initiated by the departments or by the administration. This motion led to a lot of discussion as detailed below:

Deans Heithaus and Anderson explained that reorganization is the prerogative of Academic Affairs and they have a right to reorganize thus there cannot be language in the motion require departments to approve reorganizations. The departmental vote can only be advisory and moreover as written the motion might be in might be in conflict with collective bargaining. Some faculty were supportive of the motion as written and expressed their opinion to say so, however enough agreed that the departmental approval can only be advisory and thus the following agreement was proposed to the motion:

Amended Motion: *Proposed reorganizations of the College and/or its constituent units shall be referred to the President of the Council, the Chair of the Assembly, and all affected units in a timely fashion, such that faculty can provide meaningful input. Reorganizations require thorough and appropriate deliberation with advisory votes taken by the faculty of the affected departments, Council of Chairs and the Assembly, which may be transmitted to the Dean, Provost, University President, and the Board of Trustees. Reorganizations must comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Faculty Senate, and be approved by the University President and Provost.*

After some discussion on the amendment there was a call to question which was voted on as follows:

Two abstentions, one no with all other faculty voting to stop discussion

This led to a vote on the amended motion. The results of the vote were as follows:

Three abstentions with all other faculty voting yes on the amended Motion 4.

The amended motion passes

c. Addressing faculty service while on sabbatical

Motion 5: *The Steering Committee recommends the following sentence . “**The Elections Committee will get written confirmation from faculty regarding their participation in service commitments if they are granted leave.**” be added to Section IV, B of the College of Arts, Science, and Education Constitution.*

This motion came about because often faculty are on sabbatical, have been elected on committees, but are not obliged to serve on the committees.

ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES

B. Elections Committee. *The Elections Committee shall be an at-large committee elected by the Assembly in accordance with the By-Laws of this Constitution. The Committee shall be responsible for running annual elections for Assembly officers, members of College-wide committees, College representatives to the several Faculty Senate committees and to other University-wide committees. **The Elections Committee will get written confirmation from faculty regarding their participation in service commitments if they are granted leave.***

There was some discussion on the motion but the motion **passes unanimously**

Next the faculty were advised about the upcoming FIU meetings on FIU's new strategic plan:

5. Invitation from President Rosenberg and Provost Furton to Discuss Strategic Planning

FIU Faculty and Staff Members

Friday, October 26, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Graham Center East Ballroom

Modesto A. Maidique Campus

FIU Faculty/Staff/Students

Monday, November 5, 2018

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mary Ann Wolfe Theater

Wolfe University Center

Biscayne Bay Campus

FIU Students

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Parkview Hall Multipurpose Room

Modesto A. Maidique Campus

FIU Faculty and Staff Members

Friday, November 9, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Panther Pit

Engineering Center

College of Engineering and

Computing

The final item on the agenda was the Dean's report

Dean's Report

There was no power point presentation. The Dean thanked everyone for the service they do for the university.

- A number of critical metrics have improved significantly: examples are retention rates, math passing rates and ignite participation.
- FIU recently started the process of recognizing five professors every year as distinguished. Of the five chosen by the university this year, three were from CASE.
- The university has instituted the first implementation of diversity plan
- Reputation and ranking are the new focal points of the administration

- There will be new units coming into the college which will be part of the preeminent programs .
- New Math Center was approved – Dean will interview the candidates for the director of the center.
- Dean would like the faculty to reimagine the curriculum and course deliveries to take into account the technological advances.
- Dean would like to reduce everyone’s carbon footprint and would like to get our ideas on it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM