

MINUTES OF THE SENATE OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS – THE SHORT VERSION

The April 2020 meeting of the Senate of the College of Liberal Arts was held at 3:30pm on Tuesday April 14, 2020 via Zoom, with Stacey Connaughton presiding.

Chair's Remarks: Stacey Connaughton

April's Chair's remarks were the final remarks for Stacey Connaughton as Chair of the CLA Senate.

These were Stacey's final remarks as Chair of the Senate. She recognized the range of emotions our community may be experiencing as a result of the pandemic and called for us to care for each other and ourselves as we 'go above and beyond.' She recognized and thanked all for their participation in the Senate during her Chairship. Finally, she emphasized the importance for CLA voices to be heard at this moment.

CLA Senate Elections

Elections were held for the 2020-2021—all candidates were approved. Chairs for committees will be chosen in the Fall. Your new CLA officers are:

Chair: Shannon McMullen, Dept. of Art & Design | Program in American Studies

Vice Chair: Eric Waltenberg, Dept. of Political Science

Secretary: Torsten Reimer, Dept. of Communication

Thank you everyone for your willingness to serve!

Curriculum Committee

The proposed curricular changes, additions and amendments were approved as presented in the document that was circulated with the agenda. This included items from the School of Languages and Cultures, partnering with Purdue Polytechnic Statewide to approve existing core courses and general education courses to count for the Polytechnic, concentrations for Film and Video Studies, and approval of a Science and Technology Studies Certificate (with a shout out to Ian Lindsay for his work).

Q&A with Dean Reingold

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to questions submitted by CLA Senators and their constituents prior to the meeting. These questions reflected concerns raised by the effects of the pandemic in three primary areas: CLA Teaching and Research, Budget, and the Safe Campus Task Force. The Dean answered each of the 22 questions submitted, plus questions raised during discussion. Senators have a full transcript of the discussion.

Dean Reingold expressed his willingness to continue such discussions/Q&A sessions beyond this last April meeting.

Final Business

Stacey virtually handed over the Chair's gavel to Shannon who virtually received it. Hugs were implied and words of gratitude exchanged. Senators expressed their appreciation for Stacey's leadership in the comments panel of Zoom.

Kristina Bross moves to adjourn and Michael Johnston seconds.

That's a wrap for 2019 -2020!
Stay safe and healthy.