

College Council Minutes

Friday, September 16, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Neil Christensen, Tony Crubaugh, Amy Dennison, Heather Dillaway, Alec Foster, Trish Gudeman, Larissa Kennedy, Lana Kuhle, Kimberly Nance, Dimitrios Nikolaou, Rocío Rivadeneyra, Ben Sadd, Logan Sauers, Jean Sawyer, Pete Smudde, Richard Sullivan, Laura Vogel

Members Absent:

Addie Boston, Morgan Bueza

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Information:

- Approval of Minutes from 4/15/22
 - Add Larissa Kennedy to members present
 - Delete Andres Vidal-Gadea from members absent
 - Motion to approve Logan Sauers
 - Seconded by Richard Sullivan
 - Approved

New Business:

1. Election of Officers

A. Election of Chairperson

- Dimitrios Nikolaou self-nominated, seconded by Kimberly Nance
- Pete Smudde self-nominated, seconded by Larissa Kennedy
- Before vote was taken, Dimitrios Nikolaou decided to withdraw his nomination
- Motion to vote by Ben Sadd, seconded by Dimitrios Nikolaou, approved by unanimous Vote

B. Election of Secretary

- Dimitrios Nikolaou nominated by Kimberly Nance, seconded by Larissa Kennedy, approved by unanimous vote

C. Election of Vice Chair (held by a student member)

- Only one student (Logan Sauers) on the Council was present, so he moved that the election be tabled until the next meeting, when presumably the other student members would be in attendance. The motion was seconded by _____ and approved by unanimous vote.

2. Dean Dillaway Remarks:

A. Dean Dillaway gave a thank you for all of the help with transitioning to ISU. She is impressed with students, faculty, and staff and the strong sense of community at ISU.

B. Areas that Dean Dillaway would like to focus on in the future:

- EDI issues.
- Graduate level GA funding.
- On-line and accelerated curriculum programs.
- Would like to review and work on the balance of research and teaching in different units across the college.
- Student success: investigate graduation rates and explore how we can increase the percentage of graduates. Review reasons students might not be graduating, such as low GPA or probation or financial need. Some students may be leaving ISU or choosing a different program outside of the college.

C. Strategic Plan

- The current plan needs to be extended until the University completes its plan. Our plan needs to be in-line with the University and approved for schools/departments to use for their plans.
- Bridging the gap between the current CAS plan, which is guiding us for now, and the University's new plan is important.
- Request from Senate a summary of the University's strategic points, beginning with the State of the University Speech and information from the University's strategic planning committee.
- Develop a Strategic Steering Committee. We will talk about committee membership at the next Council meeting

D. Student Advisory -- would like to continue building the Student Advisory committee.

E. The College Council needs to work on a college-level Creative Activity Award, to parallel the university level award. The Provost's Office has asked us to create this award for spring 2023 distribution if possible.

F. Create a group outside of the Council to work on Graduate Assistant Funding. This group will start meeting this fall to evaluate current CAS data on GA funding. This group will be comprised of representatives from Chairs/Directors, faculty, and staff.

G. Discussion about what we do as a college and prepare for changes that could make us better, including the creation of committees (see Council Bylaws Art. VIII.C & D.)

3. Associate Dean Anthony Crubaugh Notes:

- The College is implementing a 3.5% merit raise.
- Sabbatical proposals for the next academic year are due to the College on October 3.
- The College recently provided \$42,000 for seven different proposals related to student success, retention and/or recruitment, or academic program development.
- This year the College increased undergraduate student travel from \$10,000 to \$13,000 and graduate student travel from \$20,000 to \$25,000.
- We need student representatives on the teaching awards committee and the service awards committee.

4. Associate Dean Rocio Rivadeneyra Notes:

- IDEAS: We are looking for faculty who can serve on the IDEAS panel of experts to review course proposals seeking the IDEAS designation. (See <https://curriculum.illinoisstate.edu/procedures/definitions/amali-ideas.php>)
- Also, we need departments to submit courses for this designation ASAP.

5. Interim Associate Dean Laura Vogel Notes:

- Bylaws: Waiting on new committee assignments. Pending work-- Department of English revisions to review
- RPRC: Currently reviewing nominations for Research Awards and will begin URG review in November.
- Technology Advisory Committee: To begin meeting in October

6. Approval of Committee Members: All Approved

- Amy Robillard, ENG – College Council
- Allison Harris, PHY – Teaching Awards
- Patxi Lascurain Ibarlucea, LAN – Technology Advisory
- Nathan Carpenter, COM – Technology Advisory (Dean Designation)
- Nikki Dalbey, LAN – Technology Advisory

Motion to adjourn – Logan Sauers

Motion seconded – Ben Sadd

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am

Next Meeting – Friday, October 21st at 10:00 am in CAS's conference room