

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**  
**FACULTY ASSEMBLY & GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 15, 2017**

9:30 a.m.

**Kinard Auditorium**

- I. Welcome and introduction of Faculty Assembly officers** ..... Ginger Williams  
Dr. Ginger Williams opened the meeting as newly elected CAS faculty conference chair and thanked Dr. Takita Sumter for serving as interim Dean for the College of Arts & Science during the 2017-2018 Academic year.

- II. Unanimous approval of minutes** from March 31, 2017..... Ginger Williams

**III. Announcements**

- a. Search for a new Dean of Arts & Sciences** ..... Debra Boyd  
Dr. Boyd open by thanking Dr. Takita Sumter for serving as interim Dean for the College of Arts & Science during the 2017-2018 academic year. She provided an overview of Dr. Karen Kedrowski’s new role helping to move Winthrop forward in setting a national example for political engagement and responsibility in the Center for Civic Learning.

Dr. Boyd then provided an overview of the CAS Dean search and discussed the use of a search firm (Association of Governing Boards/AGB, which was not the search firm used in the previous year’s Dean searches). There will be a representative on campus from AGB soon and updates on this and other progress on the search will be provided. Within 48-72 hours a draft of the job description will be sent out via email with a link to provide comments/concerns. There will be a deadline on responses. Faculty were encouraged to reach out to individuals who would be good candidates. Internal candidates are expected in addition to external candidates. Individuals interested in serving on the search committee should send an email with “Dean Search” in the subject line to Dr. Boyd. Dr. Boyd did remind faculty that the search committee must be broad and representative.

Dr. Oakes asked if faculty would have opportunity to interact with candidates and Dr. Boyd outlined that multiple opportunities should be available, especially for those who volunteer to assist with meeting and walking with candidates and other duties during campus visits. Dr. Boyd outlined that 3-4 candidates would likely be brought to campus after a rigorous vetting process.

Dr. Boyd finished by reminding faculty of convocation, encouraged faculty to be engaged throughout the years with an emphasis on attending faculty conference, and also highlighted activities on campus revolving around the eclipse.

Dr. Lipscomb asked for clarification on the eclipse and convocation schedule for Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> and Dr. Boyd outlined for faculty to arrive between 1-1:30pm on the green and that convocation would begin at 3:30pm – a change from 3pm.

- b. Introduction of new faculty and new roles** ..... Takita Sumter  
Dr. Williams welcomed and thanked Dr. Sumter again for her role in serving as interim CAS dean. Dr. Sumter and Department Chairs reviewed faculty in new roles and promotions as well as new hires and some awards and honors that faculty recently received.
- i. [See appendix 1 & 2](#)

- c. **Recognition of 2016-17 faculty award winners** ..... Takita Sumter  
 Dr. Sumter recognized several faculty members (see below) and presented awards to Dr. Ritzer, Dr. Holder, and Dr. Fike, who were present at the meeting.
  - i. *Lynn Harand Outstanding Advisor Award*: Dr. Darren Ritzer
  - ii. *Undergraduate Research Mentor Award*: Dr. Maria Aysa-Lastra
  - iii. *Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award*: Dr. John Holder
  - iv. *Scholarship Excellence Award*: Dr. Matthew Fike

**IV. CAS Committees**

- a. **Graduate Faculty Committee** ..... Dave Pretty  
 Dr. Pretty provided several updates, including no meeting that day for Graduate Faculty Conference. He introduced and thanked several officers including Dr. Margaret Gillikin for serving as secretary and Dr. Dustin Hoffman as Parliamentarian. He also reminded faculty to apply for graduate faculty status and reminded those up for post-tenure review especially to do so.
- b. **Nominating & Rules Committee** ..... Dustin Hoffman  
 Dr. Hoffman reviewed open positions for CAS Curriculum Committee (a one-year position) and a one-semester position on university Faculty Personnel committee. Faculty were reminded to vote using the online Qualtrics survey.

**V. Dean's Remarks** ..... Takita Sumter

Dr. Sumter discussed the impact of the College of Arts & Science at Winthrop University and remarked on the extensiveness with which the college impacts the overall student body (e.g. general education courses). She emphasized the need for resources to be distributed to CAS that are representative of the influence and impact that CAS has overall at Winthrop. She remarked that the college works well as a team and set positive expectations for moving forward together.

She outlined office hours on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 and encouraged faculty to stop by.

**VI. Adjournment** A motion for adjournment was initiated, and passed. **10:30am**

## Appendix 1

### New Full-time Faculty and New Roles, August 2017

#### **Biology:**

Eric Birgbauer – promoted to Associate Professor  
Kiyoshi Sasaki – newly hired Assistant Professor  
Jennifer Schafer – newly hired Assistant Professor

#### **Chemistry, Physics, & Geology:**

*No promotions or new full-time hires*

#### **English:**

Leslie Bickford – tenured  
Siobhan Brownson – promoted to Professor  
Amanda Hiner – promoted to Associate Professor  
Allan Nail – newly hired Associate Professor  
Ephraim Sommers – newly hired Assistant Professor

#### **History:**

*No promotions or new full-time hires*

#### **Interdisciplinary Studies:**

Ginger Williams – Individualized Studies Director

#### **Human Nutrition:**

Brian Collins – newly hired Instructor  
Danielle Nunnery – newly hired Assistant Professor

#### **Mass Communication:**

Nate Frederick – tenured; promoted to Associate Professor

#### **Mathematics:**

Kristen Abernathy – tenured

#### **Philosophy & Religious Studies:**

Peter Judge – promoted to Professor

#### **Political Science:**

Hye-Sung Kim – newly hired Assistant Professor

#### **Psychology:**

Melissa Reeves – newly hired Associate Professor

#### **Social Work:**

Kori Bloomquist – serving as Interim Graduate Director  
Marsha Bollinger – serving as Interim Chair  
Christopher Ward – newly hired Assistant Professor

Jessica Yang – newly hired Assistant Professor

#### **Sociology, Criminology, & Anthropology**

*\*new department name\**

Maria Aysa-Lastra – promoted to Associate Professor  
Jeannie Haubert – promoted to Professor  
Michael Sickels – newly hired Assistant Professor

#### **World Languages & Cultures:**

Valerie Jepson – newly hired Assistant Professor  
Scott Shinabargar – tenured; promoted to Professor

**Appendix II Adjunct Faculty New-Hires** *(and/or returning faculty in adjunct positions)*

Adams	Susie	MCOM
Allen	Moriah	ENGL
Alston	Kortni	MCOM
Brooks	Gary	MATH
Cassese	John	MCOM
Cobb	Alicia	SCWK
Cox	David	MATH
Doom	Jason	HIST
Driscoll	Caroline	BIOL
Gillam	Christopher	SOCL
Goad	Terah	NUTR
Hart	Tyrone	SCWK
Knop	Katie	SOCL
Kramer	Jeffrey	BIOL
Lee	Brian	HIST
Noviello	Mario	NUTR
Owens	Jason	ENGL
Paez	Doris	PSYC
Phillips	Amy	BIOL
Plue	Melinda	SCWK
Reel	Lesley	MATH
Smith	Megan	SOCL
Uranli	Arzu	PHRL
Varnadore	Susie	MATH
Walgren	Kristy	SCWK