

Minutes of CAS Faculty Senate meeting, May 22, 2017, 104 Gore Hall, 4 p.m.

Present: J. Alcantara-Garcia, A. Barrier, L. Criston, M. Dominguez Torres, L. Duggan, D. Galileo, P. Gentry, J. Justice, S. Kaufman, R. Kobak, J. Lambe, Y. Leung, B. Ley, D. Lopez-Gydosh (for M. Carper), S. McKenna, P. Mink, J. Morgan, J. Morrison, J. Oestreich, N. Olabisi, S. Patel, R. Rawat, A. Sarzynski, J. Serrano, G. Watson, L. Winn

Absent: A. Hayes, K. Jasinska, M. Khan, J. Martin, T. Rocek, T. Seraphin, Blake Smith, Daniel Smith

Also present: D. Doren, D. Flaherty (Asian Studies)

I. The meeting was called to order by President Morrison at 4:02 p.m.

II. The agenda was approved.

III. The minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2017, were approved with minor emendations (e.g., the title of Douglas Doren is not Associate Dean, but Deputy Dean)

IV. Remarks of President Morrison, who expressed deep appreciation to all who served on the Senate this past year, and who welcomed President Assanis to our midst to address us and to respond to our questions and concerns.

V. Committee reports

A. Educational Affairs (A. Barrier)

1. Asian Studies major and minor: the revisions of these programs have finally been completed, and the director, Darryl Flaherty (History), gave a brief report on their status, including the fact that the highpoint in the number of majors and minors was 70 in 2006.

2. The committee having discharged all its work for the year, there was nothing else to report.

B. COCAN (J. Morgan)

1. The chair reported on all the appointments to the standing College committees, which are now almost complete.

VI. Elections of CAS Senate officers and others

A. Election of 4 New Members of the CAS Promotion & Tenure Committee (Sebastian Cioaba, Mathematical Sciences; Arild Hestvik, Linguistics & Cognitive Science; Stefanie Hansen, Theatre; Persephone Braham, Languages, Literatures, & Cultures)

B. Confirmation of Members of the Ad Hoc Faculty Morale Committee (Aaron Kupchik, Sociology; Muqtedar Khan, Political Science; Adele Hayes, Psychological & Brain Sciences; Bill Matthaeus, Physics & Astronomy; Joel Pust, Philosophy; Peter Williams, Art)

C. Election of the Chair of the Ad Hoc Faculty Morale Committee will take place in the Fall after the members of that committee has convened.

D. Election of CAS Officers (the only willing candidates so far)

1. President-Elect: Dan Smith, Public Policy & Administration
2. Secretary: John Gizis, Physics & Astronomy
3. COCAN Chair: John Morgan, Physics & Astronomy

E. Paper ballots were distributed to the Senators present. 27 ballots were completed and returned. 26 unanimously affirmed the complete slates as submitted (only one was partially completed).

VII. President Assanis then took the floor at 4:20 to thank the Senate for its invitation, deliver a report on the activities of his first year in office as well as plans and prospects for the future, and answer questions from the floor. *Inter alia*, he spoke of new programs in the offing (and the Biden Institute) as well as the budget commission with 18 members revamping the entire budgetary process; he assured the Senators that no reconfiguration of the College is envisaged and that he thoroughly rejects the view that it's STEM vs. everything else; he complimented the faculty of the College for their many strengths and accomplishments, which were rightfully recognized a week earlier at Dean Watson's Celebration of the College; at the same time, he admits that he does not know all faculty members yet and that much more needs to be done to promote interdisciplinary work, the creation of a graduate college (with an additional 1,000 Ph.D. candidates and 2,000 Master's students), and the funding of research by major foundations. In response to questions from the floor, he discussed major capital priorities (\$450 million for deferred maintenance on The Green and on Cannon Lab in Lewes, plans for the STAR campus [including the 10-storey tower now abuilding], the promotion of bio-pharmaceutical research, new buildings on The Green [including one for the social sciences] and South Campus, and badly needed renovation of athletic facilities). In response, Senator J. Morgan remarked on (1) the urgency of the need to replace RBB immediately and with a flexible, workable alternative, and (2) the dubiousness of endeavoring to increase the number of graduate students when recent reports indicate ever grimmer job prospects for graduate students in this country. President Assanis responded that the University simply hasn't been competitive enough and that too many holders of our graduate degrees are employed by the University. He then concluded his presentation at 5:23 p.m. after the Senate tendered its warm thanks for his coming to address it.

VIII. Dean's remarks: Dean Watson thanked the Senate for moving its scheduled meeting from May 15 to 22 to accommodate the very successful Celebration of the College on the 15<sup>th</sup>. He noted with great pleasure that 5 of the last 6 winners of the Alison Award for distinguished senior faculty and that the last 3 winners of the Mangone Award for most promising junior faculty have been Arts and Sciences faculty members. Finally, he noted that a major capital campaign will be launched on November 10.

IX. Old business: none.

X. New business: none.

XI. Introduction of new business: J. Morgan wished to give to Senators two recent articles which he had already shared with President Assanis about the increasing difficulty of job placement for graduate students in this country. Copies were distributed to all.

XII. Adjournment took place at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence G. J. Duggan

Secretary