

Minutes of the CAS Faculty Senate Meeting of April 26, 2021

Monday April 26, 2021, 4:02-4:45 PM

Attending: Coleen Popp, Barnard McKenna, Jennifer Baker, Alan Fox, Lydia Timmins, Talley Ridgeway, Jorge Serrano Kimberly Clark, Steven Sidebotham, James Angelini, Thomas Rocek, Neal Zondlo, John Morgan, Dominique Guillot, Darryl Flaherty, Jon Cox, Jia Song, Phill Penix-Tadsen, Peter Feng, Christine Grogan, Erin Cassese, Patricia Burt, Nina Owczarek, Kimberly Schroeder, Lawrence Duggan, Adele Hayes, Jason Hill, Eynat Gutman, John Pelesko, Mark Greene, Jenny Lobasz, Deni Galileo, Zhenghan Qi, David Satran, John Jungck, Dilia Lopez-Gydosh, Edward Lyman

President Alan Fox conducted a poll indicating that a quorum of CAS senators was present.

The agenda was adopted.

Those voting approved the minutes (with a modification) of the March 15 meeting.

Dean John Pelesko made a short presentation indicating that the number of undergraduate students admitted to CAS for Fall 2021 was about 1000 students more than for Fall 2020. Deposits are higher by approximately 200 students compared to Fall 2020. The number of incoming students to CAS in Fall 2021 should be approximately 1300.

There will be a search for a new Associate Dean of Social Sciences as David Wilson, who currently holds that position, is leaving UD to become the Dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

Dean Pelesko noted that a white paper about UD's new budget model would be released soon.

There was no report from the CAS P&T committee.

John Morgan announced that COCAN needed more volunteers to serve in office. He reported that there were only four candidates for three at-large seats in the CAS Senate and that there should be more willing to serve.

John Morgan also noted the need for a CAS representative on the University Senate's COCAN; there have been no volunteers thus far.

John Morgan announced that the CAS seeks volunteers to run for President-elect and secretary, and to serve on the Educational Affairs Committee (from the Natural Sciences portfolio) for AY 2021-2022.

Those eligible to vote on the Consent Agenda unanimously approved the BA in French Education.

Those eligible to vote on the Full Agenda unanimously approved the MS in Data Science, the MS in Microbiology and the PhD in Microbiology.

Under "New Business" Deni Galileo observed that Women's Studies and Africana Studies could lose seats in the University Faculty Senate.

There was then some discussion and a great deal of confusion among some senators about increasing the size of the University Faculty Senate and how, constitutionally, that should proceed. President Alan Fox pointed out that this was not a question for the CAS, but for the University Faculty Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.