

1. Approval of Agenda

- a. approved – no abstentions, no opposed

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. approved – no abstentions, no opposed

3. Dean's report

- a. Still no news about the budget
 - i. April 1st budget was uploaded to system
 - ii. No news is good news?
- b. Heard nothing from Provost office yet about faculty hiring requests
 - i. Will hear back on 4/15
 - ii. Will be putting together a multi-year hiring university-wide hiring plan this fall
 - 1. Cluster hires
- c. April 15th is also deadline for CLA travel funds
- d. Dean will bring issue to Provost of how applying for large external grants that are not funded will “count” on AFRs
- e. Air quality report:
 - i. Dean has read report and met with Provost
 - 1. There are going to be new air filters and blowers installed in Wheatley
 - 2. They acknowledge there are problems but aren't technically against code and so will not be fixing them
 - 3. “The health concerns are being taken care of”
 - 4. They are also hiring their own external consultant
 - 5. Expect that new filters and blowers will be installed by Fall
- f. Issue of how junior faculty will be “paid back” for research intensive seminar that is included in new contract
 - i. Still TBD

4. Moderator's report

- a. FSU looking for a “test case” of someone who prepaid for their research semester off to request a new one under the new contract and see what happens
- b. There is a new draft of the Mission Statement and there are opportunities to provide feedback: https://www.umb.edu/the_university/strategicplan
- c. Be sure to confirm with Sarah who from your department will serve in Senate next year if your term is ending
 - i. 1 at large TT
 - ii. 2 at large NTT (double check not sure if I heard correctly)

- d. There are open seats on
 - i. Academic Affairs Committee (2 TT faculty)
 - ii. Standards and credits (1 TT faculty)
 - iii. Budget planning and review (3 seats)
- e. Gender and race/ethnicity disparities exist in Senate and committee composition
 - i. Unsurprisingly women of color are disproportionately doing this service work

5. Proposals from AAC

- a. Changes to existing courses
(approved with no oppositions or abstentions)
 - i. ECON 343
 - ii. ENGL 306, 307, 308, 309

6. Old Business

- a. Cross-college research collaboration
 - i. SEC members will soon be meeting with Dean to discuss:
 - 1. funding paid lunches around them
 - 2. setting up Faculty Dining Club with free coffee/pastries for drop in space, with one month being set up as bar (able to do with designated “alcohol responsibility officer”)
 - 3. Series of research talks
 - 4. Paid reading group

7. New Business

- a. Discussion on guidelines for Senators draft discussion
 - i. Clarify the roles and responsibilities of at-large senators
- b. Shared governance and power conversation
 - i. How can we make Senate a safe space where faculty feel comfortable sharing their opinions? How can we do this especially i) on zoom and ii) especially given the dominance of JF on Senate? Are there things we have done that work well? Are there things we could do/alternative methods for sharing information that would make this more comfortable? What stops you from speaking up? How could we address this?
 - ii. What would be meaningful anti-racism and social justice initiatives for CLA? What can/should we work on as a Senate? As a college?

- iii. How can we as a body and as a college tackle the current erosion of shared governance, department autonomy, and academic freedom?

8. Adjourn