

Minutes
College of Liberal Arts Faculty Meeting
September 20, 2016

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm. The minutes of the March 29, 2016, meeting were distributed, and there were no changes or corrections. The minutes were accepted as distributed.

II. Dr. Will Bolt, chair of the Elections Committee, conducted two elections:

A. The first election was for the College of Liberal Arts Elections Committee. Candidates were elected by acclamation.

1. Dr. Jennifer Lyles, Biology
2. Dr. Catherine England, English, Modern Language, Philosophy
3. Dr. Howard Frye, Fine Arts
4. Dr. William Bolt, History
5. Dr. Kathy McCoy, Math
6. Dr. Jordan McDonnell, Physics and Astronomy
7. Dr. Doris Páez Psychology
8. Dr. Jessica Doucet, Sociology

B. The second election was for the College of Liberal Arts Tenure and Promotion Committee. Candidates were elected by acclamation.

1. Dr. Shawn Miller, English, Modern Language, Philosophy
2. Dr. Brandon Goff, Fine Arts
3. Dr. Louis Venters, History
4. Dr. Fangjun Arroyo, Math
5. Dr. Ronald Murphy, Psychology

III. Report of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

- Budget matters: Francis Marion University was successful in obtaining \$925,000.00 recurring fund for the program of Speech Pathology and CASA
- FMU was also successful in obtaining \$700,000.00 non-recurring fund for the Honors Program
- Purchase order was given Tuesday, September 20th for obtaining the new academic software package with Ellucian for all of Francis Marion University. This will mean big changes for FMU; doing away with Swampfox and AS400-Bosanova.
- President Carter has mentioned that he is working on the salary compression. Pay should be coming out in October and will be an ongoing process.
- Open House for prospective students will be held Saturday, October 15 and Saturday, November 12.

IV. Old Business: There was no old business.

V. New Business: Provost King spoke on the topic of separating the positions of Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and the Provost. He explained the process, i.e. the bylaws would need to be changed and the process of how that could be done. The provost invited Dr. Charlene

Wages to come speak and explain why the current bylaws were written as they are. After discussion where faculty, and many chairs, brought up different issues regarding the creation of a separate dean for the college, no motion to change the bylaws was moved and discussion was concluded.

Announcements of Coming Events

- September 22 – Constitution Day
- September 22 & 23 – Title IX Conference
- October 20 – National Day of Writing
- October 27 – Moving Vietnam Wall Memorial Ceremony and Reception
- November 1 – AAUP Forum
- November 10-11 – Fictional Festival

VI. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.