

MINUTES

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved unanimously at 4:33pm
2. **Approval of Minutes from October 2019:** Approved unanimously at 4:33pm
3. **Dean's Report (Associate Dean Pratima Prasad)**
 - a. Comments from dean's office
 - i. Death of Dean Terkla
 - ii. Coverage of dean's business by associate deans (Pratima Prasad and David Pantalone), as well as assistant deans and Louise Putnam
 - iii. National search for new dean
 - iv. Budget: The Dean's Office sent back the proposed CLA budget with additional requests for funding; updates to follow
 - v. Wiser notes survey: Contention over option C (N.B., all were approved); options A and B require no approval—please fill out to help students
 - vi. Shorelight: Provost has organized a late-November meeting with all deans; if Senate wants to contribute, please forward to associate deans
 - b. Moderator's comments and questions
 - i. Senators encouraged to answer Wiser survey
 - ii. Will forward Senate notes on Shorelight
 - iii. Any word on interim dean? (Answer: not yet)
4. **Moderator's Report (Sarah Hamblin)**
 - a. Shorelight: Met with Faculty Council to discuss Senate thoughts; will update
 - b. Spring semester planning: Andrew Perumal, CLA rep for the spring planning committee sent along spring safety protocols; will forward to Senate after meeting; please contact Moderator if there is anything you want communicated to this committee, as it will continue to meet occasionally
 - c. After Dean Terkla's death: Things are slow; let's all have patience and grace
 - d. TAs: David Pantalone asked to put off for a few weeks as he covers dean's duties
 - e. Travel funding (especially Dean's Research funds): It's not a health issue, it's budget; those funds are not currently "there"; but it may be possible on a case-by-case basis, and Senators should contact Tim Miller
 - i. A Senator raised concerns about a) forthrightness from administration, and b) tenure problems this may present for junior faculty going up for tenure
 - ii. Moderator urged junior faculty to inform chairs now about this university ban on travel before tenure process begins
 - f. Provost finalists: open Zoom interviews begin tomorrow; Senators strongly encouraged to attend so that we can be involved
 - g. Dean Terkla's passing (information supplemented by Sommer Forrester):
 - i. Tribute website being developed; SEC will contribute; individual contributions also encouraged

- ii. Looking to name a space after him, such as atrium or recital hall in UH, to honor his administrative and personal support of the arts
 - 1. Senator question: Do we need to raise funds?
 - 2. Moderator: We will argue that it should be donated; new memorial scholarship is a good place to donate funds in his name

5. Old business

- a. Racial injustice initiatives in CLA
 - i. Summer ideas
 - 1. Some are beyond this body—they're too big
 - 2. But there were many ideas through which we *could* lead change
 - 3. Moderator brought to Dean Terkla (he was especially interested in faculty diversity); there were to be university-wide initiatives, including one promised by McDermott; never took shape
 - 4. After discussion, decided:
 - a. Small ad-hoc committee, with goal of actionable items within CLA (Approved unanimously at 2:46pm)
 - i. Senators should e-mail Moderator if interested
 - ii. And take to departments to ask for interested faculty, to draw on their expertise
 - b. Push administration to be frank with us about what they have achieved (and what they have not); what they intend to do; who is contact person on this issue (Moderator will e-mail Dean's and Provost's Offices on these questions)

6. New business

- a. Academic freedom
 - i. Increasing attacks from students affiliated with well-funded, far-right groups; Khaled, Leong, recent lecture; university siding with students
 - ii. Article 8 proposal language on "dignity": seemingly innocuous, but dangerous in this context
 - iii. Reread the doc posted to OneDrive; discuss with departments (these issues will affect our faculty most!); we will reconvene to discuss in December

7. Proposals from MHSP

- a. Anthropology MA GRE requirement: Passed unanimously at 5:55pm

8. Proposal from AAC

- a. New Courses: Passed unanimously as a block at 5:57pm
 - i. PHIL 295
 - ii. PHIL 364
 - iii. ANTH 642
 - iv. LATIN 611
- b. Changes to existing courses: Passed unanimously as a block at 5:58pm
 - i. LATIN 311
 - ii. COMM 100
 - iii. ENGL 375

9. Adjourn: Approved unanimously at 6:02pm