

CARTA Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

Agenda

8 April, 2021, 3:30

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Meeting ID: 973 4304 9395

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Present:

J. Stuart (Assoc. Dean, Non-Voting)	Laura Kurtzberg
Brian Schriener (Dean, Non-Voting)	Dan Evans
John Stuart, Assoc. Dean	Leonardo Ferreira
Lissette Garcia	Lilliam Martinez-Bustos
	Michael Sheerin
	Susan Jacobson
	Stephen Kairalla
Architecture	
Jaime Canavas	
G. Read	Landscape Architecture
Shahin Vassigh	Ebru Ozer
Jorge Tubella	Katie Rothfield
Art & Art History	Music
David Chang (Chair Non-Voting)	Karen Fuller (Chair Non-Voting)
Lidu Yi	Sandra Adorno
Fereshteh Toosi	Jaime Ousley
Dimitry Chamy	Mesut Ozgen
	Vindhya Khare
	Marcia Littley
	Candice Davenport
	Federico Bonacossa
	Jacob Berglin
Communication	
Maria Elena Viller (Chair Non-voting)	
Margo Berman	
Nicole Kashian	
Elena Echarri	
	Theater
	Joel Murray (Chair Non-voting)
Interior Architecture	Phillip Church
	Michael Yawney
	Ivan Lopez
	Christopher Goslin
Journalism	Tony Galaska
Teresa Ponte (Chair Non-voting)	
Neil Reisner	
Charles Strouse	
Karla Kennedy	

- Minutes from last meeting 5 November 2020 approved
- Dean's Report, Dean Brian Schriener
 - FIU is returning to 3 modalities: face to face, hybrid, online.
 - Summer A continues the social distancing and masks – Number of students in sections in half, doubled professors.
 - Summer B is back to face-to-face normal.
 - No requirement to be vaccinated
 - Social distancing standards have been financially tough for FIU. Last year colleges held back 2.5% of budget. That money was returned. This year colleges are again asked to hold back 2.5%,
 - CARTA will have \$1.5M less next year
 - CARTA is entitled to apply for bailout funds. Hopefully we will get something back. Yet a balanced budget is due April 15.
 - Graduation 2021 will have some face to face ceremonies. April 24 & 25 and online. April 14 Compass to talk about state of college – topic: student success.
 - Question: Is there student resistance to vaccine? No information on that. University has had vaccine available. Weekly update to students encourages them to be vaccinated
 - Could univ. provide vaccines for students. MEV says that minorities resist because of malpractice in past.
 - Student groups might promote vaccine
 - We don't know how long the vaccine will last
- Faculty Senate Report, Neil Reisner
 - Faculty Senate has been focused on Curriculum.
 - GRE requirement for graduate admissions is on hold
 - Bright Futures was in danger of being limited to STEM. Huge pushback against the law.
 - Law will require disclosure of gifts from outside the country
 - Now it will be legal for students to record classes without our permission. Exemption to sunshine law
 - Guns on campus bill will likely die in committee
 - Panther backpack – students will get texts for \$20/credit.
 - Second exit at BBC is still under discussion
 - Supervisors cannot come into class unannounced
 - Global Studies course: Piracy in Spanish Atlantic
 - May 11 end of term,
 - Assignments July 1

- CARTA Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Karla Kennedy and Maria Elena Villar
 - Subcommittee: Faculty book club, read Gerald Wing Sue, *Race Talk*. Book club will continue in fall.
 - Received grant for Summer journalism workshop for HS students June 21- July 12.. 3 week institute – students will write articles, videos. May invite Edwidge Danticat. Nicole Jones to speak. Students work will be presented as art, in August with reception in Ratcliff Institute.
 - DEI Deans Taskforce focused on Diverse student recruitment and retention
 - LGBTQ visibility committee.
 - Social Justice lecture: Alpesh Patel in Miami Beach
 - Disability taskforce – raise awareness of needs of disabled students
 - Safezone Advocates Training is online
 - AWED offers Bystander trainings

- Election of 3 Faculty Senators and 2 alternates
 - Senators elected:
 - Neil Reisner
 - Jaime Canaves
 - Dan Evans to complete 1-year term
 - Alternates:
 - Federico Bonacossa
 - Mesut Ozgen
 - Standing senators: Sandra Adorno, Marcia Littlely

- Congratulations to CARTA Faculty Award Winners
 - Teaching: Margo Berman, Communication
 - Teaching: Chris Goslin, Theater
 - Service: Ivan Lopez, Theater
 - Research: Shahin Vassigh, Architecture

Respectfully Submitted,
 Gray Read
 Chair, CARTA Assembly