

**CARTA Faculty Assembly Meeting
October 26, 2023**

Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 985 7251 3071

Passcode: CARTA1

Attendance List: No Quorum

Dean's Office	Music
Brian Schriner, Dean Marilyns Nepomechie, Assoc Dean	Karen Veloz (Chair, Non-voting) Mesut Ozgen (Assembly Co-chair) David Dolata
Architecture	Marcia Littley Vindhya Khare
Gray Read (Assembly Co-chair)	
Kate Balug	
	Theater
Art & Art History	Joel Murray (Chair Non-voting) Jennifer Ivey
Lidu Yi Fereshteh Toosi Bill McGuire	Ivan Lopez Chris Goslin
	Melvin Huffnagle
Communication	Michael Yawney Olivia deGuzman Rebecca Covey
Nicole Kashian	
Nathan Kurland Mihaela Plugarasu Colin Williams Hugo Ottolenghi Margo Berman Betty Eugene-King	
Interior Architecture	
Katie Rothfield	
Journalism	
Neil Reisner Karla Kennedy Alejandro Alvarado Teresa Ponte Ray Elman	
Landscape Architecture	

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 3:35 PM

- Approval of minutes from last meeting 30 March 2023 (attached)

- Dean's Report
 - CARTA School of Architecture is ranked as number 16 among public Universities by QS World Rankings 2022
 - CARTA faculty leads FIU in awards and recognition.
 - College took a 2.6% cut in funding but has maintained programs and quality. CARTA budget is \$2 million lower than a few years ago.
 - Post tenure review: only one faculty member from CARTA, Nick Gelpi
 - Quality Matters is required for all online courses. Coordinate with Karla Kennedy
 - **Ignite Campaign**, CARTA is looking for 100 % participation – thank you for your support to any FIU Program of your choice!
<https://ignite.fiu.edu/>

- Faculty Senate Report, Neil Reisner,
 - Most of the action is behind the scenes in response to new Florida legislation.
 - Post tenure review – Details of FIU processes are being worked out to meet legislature's mandate.
 - FIU has new policy to not discriminate against pregnant people. Standards for bathrooms include unisex.
 - Florida State has adopted "Classic Learning Test" in addition to SAT and ACT.
 - General Education courses, courses in core curriculum, must abide by standards set by legislature.
 - Faculty Senate has established task force on tenure.
 - Please participate in review of administrators and please

- Faculty Union - Gray Read and Neil Reisner
 - Florida Legislation stipulates that **unions, including UFF, must maintain 60% membership to be certified.** Bill also bars automatic deduction of dues from paycheck.
 - UFF has been working hard to sign up new members and get all members on e-dues. **Now we are at 58%, very close but must gain new members to offset retirements.**
 - UFF-FIU recently negotiated 5% raise and \$3000 bonus for faculty.
 - UFF-FIU is now beginning negotiations on the entire Collective Bargaining Agreement that will continue through 2024.

- Changes to CARTA Constitution and Bylaws by e-vote. – Mesut Ozgen
 - Mostly updating the names of units and committees and making bylaws consistent with constitution. Proposed changes attached.

- Voting by e-vote

- Elect new CARTA Co-chair to replace Gray Read – by e-vote
 - Nominee: Teresa Ponte, Journalism

- New Business - No new business

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Gray Read
Co-chair, CARTA Assembly

P.S. Pending approval in the Spring 2024 Assembly meeting.