

**CARTA Faculty Assembly Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2024, 3:30p.m**

**Zoom link:**

<https://fiu.zoom.us/j/86380269582?pwd=MQ25ijFMQbtgLbTwdWn9rbPZ36k70J.1>

Meeting ID: 863 8026 9582- Passcode: CARTA1

Attendance List: No Quorum

<b>Dean's Office</b>	<b>Journalism</b>
Brian Schriener, Dean Marilyns Nepomechie, Associate Dean Octavio Visiedo, Assistant Dean	Teresa Ponte (Assembly Co-chair) Alejandro Alvarado
	<b>Landscape Architecture</b>
<b>Architecture</b>	Ebru Ozer
Katarzyna Balug Elliott Sturtevant	
	<b>Music</b>
	Mesut Özgen (Assembly Co-chair) Jamie Ousley Marcia Littley Vindhya Khare Sandra Adorno
<b>Art &amp; Art History</b>	
Tori Arpad-Cotta (Chair, Non-voting) Lidu Yi Jacek Kolasinski Jonathan Perez Sandra Ramos Tom Scicluna	<b>Theater</b>
	Joel Murray (Chair, Non-voting) Chris Goslin Michael Yawney Anthony Galaska
<b>Communication</b>	
Davina Clarke (Chair, Non-voting) Mihaela Plugarasu Elizabeth Marsh Nathalie Desrayaud Nicole Kashian Sigal Sege Yu Liu	
<b>Interior Architecture</b>	
<b>Guest</b>	
Michael Heithaus, BBC Vice Provost Eric Scarffe, UFF-FIU President	

## Minutes

### Meeting commenced at 3:30 pm

- The minutes of the previous meeting on March 28, 2024 were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- Dean's Report, Brian Schriener:  
Introduced Dean of CASE, Michael Heithaus, newly appointed Vice Provost for Biscayne Bay Campus and updated on accomplishments since the last meeting:
  - Florida International University moved to the top 50 public institutions by U.S. News and World Report. In the 2030 Strategic Plan the goal is to move to the top 30 public institutions before 2030.
  - The UFF-FIU new collective bargaining agreement has made available faculty raises and merit raises.
  - CARTA collegial governance documents require review, editing and reconfirming with faculty input at the college and unit levels. Policies and procedures need to align with that of the university.
  - The Student Success Metrics for the college as a whole remain extremely strong.
- BBC Report, Michael Heithaus:
  - The fall semester is taken up with “a ton of listening” using the spring to “start engaging people more deeply and trying to move some big ideas forward.”
  - The environment and environmental resilience and sustainability is key moving forward.
- UFF-FIU Report, Eric Scarffe:
  - Encouraged faculty at all levels to become members of the UFF and explained the new procedures required for joining.
  - Explained the benefits brought by collective bargaining from raises to a more “fair and functional” post tenure review.
- Faculty Senate Report, Chris Goslin:
  - The Senate is considering making changes to the academic calendar as soon as the coming summer. The Board of Governors continues to review the general education curriculum. It wants universities to review selected courses and textbooks for antisemitism. FIU selected to review 15 different textbooks, all residing in SIPA.
- PTR Report, Marilyns Nepomechie, Associate Dean
  - Spoke briefly regarding the status of post tenure review. Dean Schriener prepared a draft rubric which was under review by the Office of the Provost.

- CARTA Assembly Co-Chair Mesut Özgen reminded faculty of the CARTA Faculty Awards, the spring assembly meeting date, March 27, 2025, and the necessary review of governance documents.
- New Business:
  - Nathalie Desrayaud of the curriculum committee spoke of changes in the curriculum procedures with introduction of new software and the impact on CARTA.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Ponte  
Co-Chair, CARTA Assembly

*P.S. Approved in the Spring 2025 Assembly meeting.*