

Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Meeting
318 Patterson Office Tower
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Cristina Alcalde, Anna Bosch, Solomon Harrar, Dick Jeffries, Mark Kornbluh, Betty Lorch, Brian Rymond, Rich Schein, Suzanne Segerstrom, Michelle Sizemore, Akiko Takenaka

Solomon Harrar, continuing as chair of the committee, called the meeting to order.

Minutes

- Minutes from the December 10, 2019 committee meeting were reviewed. Dick Jeffries moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted, and Brian Rymond seconded the motion; the committee approved acceptance of the minutes with 5-Yes, 0-No, and 1-Abstain (due to absence from the December meeting).

Dean's Update

- Dean Kornbluh mentioned that Central Administration continues to work on the financial model, and provided an update on the UK Retirement Plan.
- Rich Schein has completed review of faculty promotion and tenure dossiers. There were 32 applications, plus one outlying case. There were no disputed cases.
- Discussion about the promotion and tenure process and developing a culture of mentoring junior faculty.
- A&S is focused on hiring to build diversity in the college and has been very successful with a targeted opportunity search and cluster hire process. The Colleges of Education and Fine Arts are participating in these cluster hire searches.
- Launching the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences. Karen Petrone, the inaugural director, is holding open meetings for faculty input January 15 and 16, 2020. Also in the process of looking for space to house the Institute.
- Providing assistance to the science areas for equipment purchases; and, the Chemistry-Physics building renovation project is proceeding.

Naming of Statistics Department

- Dean Kornbluh presented to the committee for vote of approval, the proposal to re-name the Department of Statistics to the Dr. Bing Zhang Department of Statistics. The proposal to-date has been agreed upon by President Capilouto, Dean Kornbluh, and by vote of the Department of Statistics faculty. The name change is in recognition of a gift of \$6.35 million to the Department of Statistics by Dr. Bing Zhang, a 1991 and 1994 graduate of the department and his wife Rachael. This gift is in addition to two endowed professorships the donors have established or pledged to establish in the department.
- Dean Kornbluh provided history and background on Dr. Zhang. Discussion followed to include: terms of the agreement; due diligence was conducted to ensure the funding is not compromised in anyway; clarification that there are no restrictions, control, or

commitments attached to the gift; and the donor will have no influence on the administrative decisions of the department.

- Suzanne Segerstrom moved to approve the re-naming of the Department of Statistics to the Dr. Bing Zhang Department of Statistics. Brian Rymond seconded the motion. The committee unanimously voted to approve.

All Faculty Meeting

- An all faculty meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2020, 4:00-5:00 p.m. The location is to be determined.
- Agenda items to include: Dean's Update on the College and Ongoing Challenges; Revised Diversity and Inclusivity Committee Membership Rules and Terms; Race and Ethnicity (R&E) Course Requirement
- Dick Jeffries moved to approve the scheduled date and time of the all faculty meeting. Suzanne Segerstrom seconded the motion. The committee unanimously voted to approve.

Other Matters of Concern

- None stated.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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