

## **Minutes of the Dornsife College Faculty Council Meeting**

**February 11 , 2015**

**3:00-5:00 pm**

**Present:** Eric Webb (President), Darren Ruddell (Vice President), Jeff Chisum (Secretary), Giorgio Coricelli, Ann Crigler, Lowell Stott, Gerald Davison, Erin Moore, Thieo Hogan-Esch, Dana Johnson, Ed McCann, Farida Habeeb

**1. Approval / Review of Minutes from the 1/14 Meeting:** The council approved the minutes from the January meeting.

**2. Review of the Joint Provost/Senate Retreat:** Vice President Ruddell gave an account of the day-long retreat which was held at the Ritz-Carlton in downtown L.A. on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Highlights included three speaker sessions that explored the following themes:

- “Education for a Rapidly Changing World”
- “Connecting the Individual to the World”
- “Scholarship with Consequence”

Attendees agreed that genuine and worthwhile issues were explored at the retreat, though some questions remain concerning implementation.

**3. The Faculty Affairs Caucus Memo:** The Council reviewed the draft of a memo written by the Faculty Affairs Caucus. In essence, the memo addresses problems related to funding of conference attendance, computer replacement, and other aspects of the Dornsife faculty’s day-to-day work. The Council agreed unanimously that the College should work to eliminate the current Faculty Development application process in favor of a standing, \$3,000-per-year teaching and research fund (with 1-year rollover), for all full-time faculty to cover the aforementioned expenses. Revisions to the memo were made by the Council and copies of the draft were circulated via email for final review before submitting a final draft to the Dean’s Office.

**4. Review of Questions for Dean Kay’s upcoming Visit:** The Council re-examined the list of questions that were formulated for Dean Kay’s fall 2014 visit with an eye towards revising them in anticipation of his spring 2015 visit (scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>). The Curricular Affairs Caucus noted that they submitted a memo requesting information on “Best Practices” for graduate programs in the college, and President Webb noted that Dean Kay responded, via email, that the process is complicated, varied, and “iterative.” Nonetheless, Council members agreed that further clarification is still desired: for example, mightn’t there be better identification of department plans (from the jamborees) that are considered “good”? The Council discussed some further issues pertaining to metrics that are applied to graduate programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Chisum

Secretary, Dornsife Faculty Council