

Fall 2023 Faculty Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Faculty Secretary: Stephen Lahey

1. Meeting called to order by Dean Mark Button.
 - a. Stephen Lahey was elected to a two year term as Faculty Secretary
 - b. Jolene Smyth was appointed as Parliamentarian
2. Minutes of the College of Arts and Sciences Spring Faculty Meeting (May 11, 2023) were unanimously approved and will stand as printed.
3. College Updates: Dean Button discussed the following:
 - CAS Strategic Plan – Year 2 report
 - Increase in graduation rates for both four-year and six-year
 - Elevating graduate programs
 - Record amount of external funding
 - Increase in the diversity of faculty
 - CAS Comprehensive campaign
 - Budget challenges and reductions
 - Enrollment and SCH data
4. Notification from the Dean and the College Curriculum and Advising Committee regarding policy on offering Special Topics Courses. This item is informational – to communicate to the faculty a policy change pertaining to special topics courses. Special Topics Courses are intended to enable faculty to develop and try out new courses.
5. Recommendation from the College Curriculum and Advising Committee to approve the proposed changes for the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog.
 - a. Discontinue Intercollege Studies Agreements between the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Fine and Performing Arts and the College of Journalism and Mass Communication. See Appendix, page 7.
 - a. In favor: All
 - b. Opposed: 0
 - c. Abstentions: 0
 - b. Changes in College Course Restrictions – increasing hours from ROTC credit and military coursework for system-wide consistency and reducing hours in the remaining health and career category. See Appendix, pages 8-9.
 - a. In favor: All
 - b. Opposed: 0
 - c. Abstentions: 0

** The following curriculum items are all proposed changes to specific majors and minors within the college. These modifications have been vetted and put forward by the Curriculum Committee and were

taken together as a slate for general consent approval by the faculty with approval from the faculty in attendance.

- c. Changes to the major in Actuarial Science – Restructuring and increasing hours in major.
- d. Changes to the minor in Ethnic Studies -- Restructuring to remove specific course lists.
- e. Elimination of the minor in Latin American Studies – Combining with Latinx Studies minor.
- f. Changes to the minor in Latinx Studies – Changing Name to Latinx and Latin American Studies and updating course lists.
- g. Changes to the minor in National Securities Studies – Restructuring and updating required courses.
- h. Changes to the major in Physics – Restructuring to remove Professional Option, Optics and Lasers Option, Materials Physics Option, and Computational Physics Option and updating required courses for both BA and BS.
- i. Elimination of Plan A minor in Physics. See Appendix, pages 35-36.
 - a. In favor: All
 - b. Opposed: 0
 - c. Abstentions: 0

Adjourned 4:08 pm.