

Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts
Faculty Meeting
Lied Commons
Friday, November 11, 2016
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Approval of Minutes from November 11, 2016

Minutes were reviewed and Aaron Holz made a motion to approve. Margaret Bohls seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Faculty Service Awards Presentation

The College recognized Faculty and Staff members who have reached significant milestones. Faculty Members who received Service Anniversary Awards in 2016 were:

5 Years

Margaret Bohls
Jacqueline Mattingly
Matthew Sontheimer
Hans Sturm

10 Years

Anthony Bushard
Alan Mattingly
Jeffrey McCray
Bryan Ruhs

15 Years

Carolyn Barber
Douglas Bush
Sara Fedderson
Gretchen Foley
Rhonda Fuelberth
Robert Woody
Brenda Wristen

20 Years

Scott Anderson
William Grange
Thomas Larson
Clark Potter

30 Years

John Bailey
William McMullen

Brian Moore

40 Years

Donna Harler

Staff Members who received Service Anniversary Awards in 2016:

10 Years

Christopher Marks

15 Years

Sara Fedderson
Susan Tribby

20 Years

Todd Cuddy

25 Years

Colleen McDonald

O'Connor invited guest Jeremy Van Hof, Assistant Director of Academic Technologies to speak about Canvas. Van Hof advised the faculty that the decision to move to Canvas was not taken lightly, and the work involved for everyone is understood. Van Hof said Canvas is a robust and easy to use tool, offering students the best experience possible as the primary goal. Van Hof presented key info:

Spring 2017 courses are live now
Blackboard is an option through May 2018
Blackboard will be gone June 2018

Login to Canvas: canvas.unl.edu
Self-training: go.unl.edu/canvas101

Canvas Info: go.unl.edu/canvas
Contact our team: canvas@unl.edu

Login at my.unl.edu will default only to Canvas in Fall 2017. Van Hof remarked that courses can still be built in Blackboard, but faculty members will have to notify the team and request to build the course in Blackboard. The next 2 semesters will work that way.

Van Hof continued that in June 2018 the contract with Blackboard expires. Everyone who has data or content on Blackboard needs to make sure that they archive their content from Blackboard, as it is currently saved on Blackboard servers. Make a point to archive and save any existing data that you have before that date. The Innovative Instructional Design team is available. Canvas 101 is faculty based and members can self-enroll for a step by step guide on moving your content from Blackboard to Canvas.

Everyone who is teaching any course should indicate to students if content will be in Blackboard or Canvas. Van Hof advised faculty to go into the platform that they are not using and indicate that the class can be found in the other platform. Van Hof commented that one quarter of our students are already exposed to Canvas, and that number will increase significantly in spring 2017. Whole courses can be imported into Canvas.

Scott Anderson remarked that students will still go to Blackboard, but you can email them and tell them the course is on Canvas. You have the option of sending them text messages through Canvas, and the mobile experience is the best advantage. The ability for faculty to communicate is the second best advantage.

Steve Kolbe asked what will be done with MyPlan?

MyPlan is live in Canvas. O'Connor encouraged everyone to use MyPlan, and he encouraged faculty members to pay attention to students who are not doing well, even if they are general education students who have not declared a major in our College. O'Connor advised that if you send them a message to let them know you care and ask if there's a problem, this helps students perform better.

Proposed By-laws Amendments:

<http://arts.unl.edu/hlfpa/faculty-resources-and-bylaws>

O'Connor explained that the Amendments to our College By-laws that were presented last fall needed a vote to be reaffirmed now that we have made a public announcement and informed the President, the Chancellor and the Board of Regents. Aaron Holz made a motion to approve the changes. Peter Lefferts seconded. The vote was unanimous and all changes were approved.

An Amendment was proposed to change all references to the Department of Art and Art History to the School of Art, Art History and Design. Peter Lefferts made a motion to approve. Susan Levine Ourada seconded. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Update on University Strategic Planning Initiative and Budget

O'Connor remarked that all have received emails about budget cuts and advised faculty to plan on thinking about the ramifications of a revenue shortage. O'Connor advised faculty to make sure we don't do ourselves any harm, and he assured that a thorough process will be conducted. He is committed to protect the people and things we do in this College. O'Connor remarked that we will be good stewards for the University, but we will fight for the obvious goals. O'Connor remarked that we don't yet have a number of how much will be cut or what funds will have to be given back to the state. We are in the 2nd year of a 2-year budget. O'Connor advised that the Chancellor is looking for ways to give some of that back. O'Connor advised faculty to

cut back on any unnecessary spending, and plan to cut back permanently. O'Connor advised that state agencies have to cut 4%, and we might see tuition increases.

O'Connor advised that the hiring freeze requires that we not to make any permanent commitments to new lines if we don't have to. We're going to put a hold on some searches, but it doesn't mean those lines will be cut. O'Connor continued that the College is not going to make any rash or quick decisions. O'Connor remarked that this does not apply to people that are here right now, faculty members can still recruit GTAs. We won't be able to do our business if we don't have certain people to teach certain classes.

O'Connor continued that for absolute needs, we have to seek an exemption, and we're going to have to justify it. For those searches that are currently in process, interviews with candidates that have been brought to campus already, those positions are exempt from the hiring freeze.

O'Connor advised cutting back on expenditures this year. There will not be a travel freeze. Our College does not do a lot of travel on State funds. We do most of our travel on Hixson-Lied grant money or money from another endowment. For those rare cases where we're supporting travel with state dollars, we will figure out if that is still important.

O'Connor commented in support of faculty travel and our searches. It not only helps the faculty, but it helps the fields the faculty represents, helping the arts move forward. O'Connor continued that he is committed to using whatever money we can to help you do the things you promised your colleagues, and we will work very hard to complete the searches we've started. O'Connor advised faculty to continue with operational purchases. Discuss any purchases that are large and one-time only. Supervisors should try to reduce any overtime hours. O'Connor advised that the College would likely know more by the end of the fiscal year when the Chancellor may name an amount that we need to give back.

Alison Stewart asked if the renovations in Woods Hall would be affected, and Wendy Duerfeldt Schutte advised that the Woods renovation is continuing forward with a tentative start date of November 21.

After wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving, the meeting was adjourned.