COE Senate Meeting
Minutes
February 17, 2017

**Present:** Donna Wiseman (Dean), Donald Bolger (Chair, HDQM), Ana Taboada Barber (CHSE), Dennis Kivlighan (CHSE), Valerie Foster (Admin Prof Rep Non Exempt), Blesidla Lim (Admin Prof Rep Exempt), Michelle Espino (CHSE), Robert Lent (CHSE), Robin Walukonis (Admin Prof Rep Exempt)

**Absent:** Robert Marcus (HDQM), Lawrence Clark (At Large), Kathryn Wentzel (HDQM), Margaret Peterson (At Large), Alanna Rothman (Undergraduate Rep, TLPL), Andrew Brantlinger (TLPL), Kalia Patricio (Graduate Student, TLPL), Daniel Levn (TLPL), Kellie Rolstad (TLPL)

I. Dean’s Update

Dean updated us on meeting on Capitol Hill. Goal to maintain federal education funding, advocate for that. Morale very low, and everything has ground to a halt. No one is sure what is going to happen or what direction things will go in.

Council of Dean’s met, budget is not optimistic for FY18. Had 1% cut for FY17, about $210k cut for COE. Dean’s office will cover as much as possible, less to departments. Discussion of possibly larger cut for FY18.

Discussion of Thriving Workplace. All except for a couple colleges have had “CLOCK” come and consult for 3 hours. COE has not yet, but Dean’s Office will meet with them soon.

II. Discussion on Brain Behavior Initiative

Beth Brittan-Powell from Division of Research in VPR’s office (leading BBI initiative) presented to COE Senate. Started with wide net across campus to see who is working on brain-related issues across campus, short 1-minute presentations by everyone interested. Wrote report to Provost showcasing interest and current research, and presented proposal for BBI. Central focus on tools and technology needed across campus. Started with 3-year-funding, 75% of which goes to seed grants. Focus on cross-disciplinary approaches, including team from humanities doing ethnographic study of these collaborations. Focus on community-building both on campus and beyond. Example of collaboration with Arena Stage. Has been great success. Current goal is to hire an external scientific director.
III. Regular Business
   a. Approved minutes from January 2017 Senate Meeting
   b. Discussed proposed amendment to College PoO and planned several edits. Will vote later.

III. Current Issues
   a. Awards Committee
      a. Dennis, DJ, and Ana will review faculty award applications
      b. Blesilda has volunteered for staff awards with DJ, may need one other person
      c. Had discussed reducing number of awards each year. Will not do this now given lack of quorum but will discuss in smaller groups and DJ will send out proposal for reducing some awards and senate will vote electronically.
   b. Amendment to College Mission Statement
      a. Changes to tense and focus
      b. Discussion of how potential new dean may shape this. We are more than simply a college of K-12 education, may be good to develop this so that an incoming dean sees the breadth of our College.
      c. Will open to comments and amendments from all senate, including who is not here. Will perhaps vote electronically so we can get this settled before first Dean candidates.
   c. Senate Budget Committee
      a. Did not discuss due to lack of quorum, will discuss next meeting.

IV. Future Issues
   a. Professional Track Faculty – PTK promotion approval