



# College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

## Minutes

Meeting of the Faculty

November 1, 2016 2:00 p.m., Illini Union Room 104

Interim Dean Designate Martin Camargo called the meeting to order at 2:08pm. 16 faculty were in attendance. The minutes from the April 7, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously. Interim Dean Martin Camargo announced the Brian Gaines was appointed the Parliamentarian. The Executive Committee submitted the Professor Douglas Simpson as the Secretary of the Faculty. No other nominations were presented and the faculty unanimously approved the appointment. The handout listed the Report of the Nominations Committee- updates since the Spring 2016 Meeting. The names listed as additions to standing committees were approved unanimously.

Interim Dean Designate Martin Camargo presented a college update (slides from the meeting are appended to these minutes). The College named 30 faculty to names professor, chair or scholar positions welcomed 24 new faculty this fall and will be conducting 16 faculty searches this year. The college had 6 successful program reviews last year and will be conducting 5 reviews this year. The Chemistry Annex building should be ready to use in December 2016. The renovations on NHB are ongoing. The Energy Conservation Incentive Program (ECIP) presented awards to LAS for their successful efforts in reducing energy consumption and space utilization- Davenport Hall and Atmospheric Sciences were among the awardees. The College office hired a new Director of Budget, Jennifer Jorstad, and several new Advancement officers. Three endowed positions were invested this past fall: Milan Bagchi as the Deborah Paul Professor of MCB; Benjamin Hankin as Fred and Ruby Kanfer Professor of Psychology, and Susan Martinis as Stephen G. Sligar Professor of MCB. Undergraduate student update---- we received a record number of applications and admitted students. LAS saw an Increase in diversity (nearly 1% overall, increase in numbers of Hispanic & African American enrolled students), 2%+ increase in 1<sup>st</sup> gen, 2% increase in IL resident; Underrepresented minorities at highest percentage since 2006-2007. LAS has a total of 14,300 students, 11,690 are undergraduate students.

The LAS Student Academic Affairs Office opened a center dedicated to students' professional development through connecting curricular and co-curricular experiences. They also created an e-newsletter for students- LAS Lineup.

Our budget situation is still uncertain. Campus is using the metrics in growth in tuition and growth in efficiencies. LAS was asked to plan for a 2% (\$2.8M) reduction and passed on an average of 1.75% recurring reductions to units to cover this reduction. LAS has put aside 4% (\$5.6 million) for possible rescission, which the college will cover.

LAS Alumni News- 6 alumni were honored: LAS Achievement Award winners: **Doris Derby**, anthropology; **Sharon Mosher**, geology; **Laura Niklason**, physics and biophysics; **Elizabeth Pieroth**, psychology; **James Spudich**, chemistry. The Dean's Quadrangle Awardee was **Deborah Paul**, biology.

Four LAS faculty were named as University Scholars- **Nicole Allen**, psychology; **Wail S. Hassan**, comparative and world literatures and English; **Chad Rienstra**, chemistry; **Rebecca Stumpf**, anthropology.

Five LAS Faculty were elected as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)- **Timothy Killeen**, affiliate in atmospheric sciences; **William Metcalf**, microbiology; **Ralph Nuzzo**, chemistry and materials science and engineering; **Stephen Portnoy**, emeritus in statistics; **Hong Yang**, chemical and biomolecular engineering.

The Humanities without Walls grant was renewed and LAS leads the country in Guggenheim Fellows: **Dennis Baron**, English and linguistics; **Craig Koslofsky**, history and Germanic languages and literatures; **Mei-Po Kwan**, geography and geographic information science; **Ralph W. Mathisen**, history, classics, and medieval studies; **Rebecca Stumpf**, anthropology.

For the future, we need to move forward even with budget constraints. Our daily operations continue thanks to strong leadership in our schools, department and programs. Student demand for LAS programs remains high, and the future for our college—while not without challenges—is bright. A search for the LAS Dean is underway.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.



# LAS Fall Faculty Meeting

Martin Camargo  
Interim Dean Designate  
November 1, 2016

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## College updates



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## Faculty

- Appointed 30 faculty to named professor, chair, or scholar positions (127 total in LAS)
- Recruitment for next year:
  - 16 searches authorized
  - 9 faculty lines transferred from College of Medicine to LAS

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## Faculty

### 24 new faculty members joined LAS in August

<b>Pooyan Amir-Ahmadi</b> , Economics	<b>Christopher Dodd</b> , Mathematics
<b>Philip Anderson</b> , Animal Biology	<b>Sepideh Friberg</b> , Psychology
<b>Matthew Borman</b> , Mathematics	<b>David Glisch-Sanchez</b> , Latina/Latino Studies
<b>Claudia Brosseder</b> , History	<b>Benjamin Hankin</b> , Psychology
<b>Li-Qing Chen</b> , Plant Biology	<b>Tom Van Heuvelen</b> , Sociology
<b>Piotr Cienciala</b> , Geography and GIS	<b>Maryam Kashani</b> , Gender & Women's Studies

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**Sean Laurent**, Psychology

**Natalie Lira**, Latina/Latino Studies

**Ghassan Moussawi**, Sociology

**Eunmi Mun**, Sociology

**Naveen Narisetty**, Statistics

**Noel Saenz**, Philosophy

**Ted Sanders**, English

**Taraneh Sayadi**, Mathematics

**Lila Sharif**, Asian American Studies

**Chadly Stern**, Psychology

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## LAS highlights: Program reviews

- Six successful academic program reviews completed in AY15-16
  - Anthropology, Astronomy, Spanish and Portuguese, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Political Science, English
- Five academic program reviews scheduled in AY16-17
  - Plant Biology, Statistics, Latina/Latino Studies, History, Psychology

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### LAS highlights: Facilities

- Chem Annex, completed, move in December 2016
- Natural History Building, completed spring 2017
- Ethnic studies facilities repairs in progress
- Seven Provost Matching Fund projects in progress
- Feasibility studies
  - Observatory (completed)
  - Spurlock Museum (completed)
  - Roger Adams Laboratory (launching)
- ECIP awards
  - Davenport Hall (Energy Advancement category)
  - Atmospheric Sciences Building (Occupant Action category)
  - 1207 W. Oregon (Occupant Action category)

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### LAS highlights: Welcome, Jennifer Jorstad

- Joins LAS as Director,  
Budget Resource Planning  
in the Dean's Office
- Previously served in similar  
role for College of Media
- Holds BS in accounting from  
Monmouth College and an  
MBA from Eastern Illinois  
University



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### LAS highlights: Advancement

- Leslie Vermilion named Senior Director of Advancement Operations
- Braden Shain named Assistant Director of Development for Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Joe Madden named Assistant Director of Development of Chemistry
- System-wide campaign on track for fall 2017 public launch



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## Students

### First-year students

- 11,821 applications
- 7,816 total admitted
- 2,314 enrolled (as of 10<sup>th</sup> day)
  - Enrollment target was 2,233
  - 26-31 median ACT
  - 19.6% underrepresented minority
  - 23% first generation
  - 74.1% resident/11.4% nonresident/14.5% international

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## Students

- SAAO opened center dedicated to students' professional development through connecting curricular and co-curricular experiences
- Access and Achievement Program moved to the main office in 2002 Lincoln Hall
- Launched LAS Lineup, a new e-newsletter for all LAS undergraduate students

**LAS LINEUP**

**LAS in C-U**  
A local internship fair  
sponsored by the College of LAS

**Wednesday Oct. 19 1-3 p.m.**  
Second-floor ballroom  
Blin Union

**HAPPENING ACROSS LAS**

**Welcome to the inaugural issue of LAS Lineup!**  
This is a weekly e-newsletter for students to keep you informed of dates, deadlines, academic opportunities, and career-oriented events in LAS and across campus. Look for it every Monday morning. Have a great week!

**Corporate Forums and Career Fair**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, Blin Rooms A, Blin Union  
Students majoring in mathematics, multi-computer science, actuarial science, and statistics are invited to attend the fourth annual Mathematics Corporate Forum and Career Fair. Students will be able to engage with employers during the career information session combination. Professional dress is required to enter the event.

**LAS Success Workshops: How to Sell Your LAS Degree at the October Career Fairs**  
2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 1002 Lincoln Hall  
LAS students looking for an internship, full-time job, or just wanting to better understand how a fair can be used as a career exploration tool are invited to attend these workshops to prepare to sell the most

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## Budget

- Continued uncertainty around state funding
- Campus used metrics (related to instruction and costs to decide on reductions for colleges) and LAS did well
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The program showcases faculty excellence. Winners include:

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### Diao makes MIT Tech Review's annual list of Innovators Under 35

**Ying Diao**, an assistant professor in chemical and biomolecular engineering, was recognized for her work in nanotechnology and materials, specifically printing organic semiconductors

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## LAS news



### Mellon Foundation renews \$4.2M grant for Humanities Without Walls

The Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities leads this consortium of 15 universities. Their research charge: "The Work of Humanities in a Changing Climate."

History professor **Antoinette Burton** is IPRH's director.

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## The future of LAS

- Our ability to move forward despite budget challenges is a testament to all of you and your commitment to our college
- Search for the next dean of LAS is underway
- Our daily operations continue unimpeded thanks to strong leadership in the Dean's Office and especially across our schools, departments, and programs
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Next

- Refreshments
- Starting at 3, an overview of LAS followed by Provost Ed Feser and Chancellor Robert Jones

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