Dean Feng Sheng Hu called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Approximately 16 faculty were in attendance. The minutes from the November 1, 2016 meeting were approved. Dean Hu announced the results of the Executive Committee election:

Kirstin Hoganson, History (winner);
Curtis Perry, English—(continuing);
Elena Delgado, Spanish & Portuguese (winner);
John Caughlin, Communication—(continuing);
Eva Pomerantz, Psychology (winner);
Andy Suarez, Animal Biology— (continuing);
Christopher Rao, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (winner);
Jeremy Tyson, Mathematics—(continuing).

The slate for nominations for the LAS Standing Committee was approved unanimously (see attachment). The slate for nominations for the LAS Nominations Committee was approved unanimously (see attachment).

Dean Hu presented a college update:

1. LAS Highlights
Six LAS faculty members have been named to the Clarivate Analytics Highly Cited Researchers list for 2016:
   • Lisa Ainsworth, plant biology
   • Stephen Long, plant biology
   • Yi Lu, chemistry
   • Catherine Murphy, chemistry
   • Donald Ort, plant biology
   • Brent Roberts, psychology
Four of the six University Scholars are LAS Faculty- Nicole Allen, Chan Rienstra, Wail Hassan, and Rebecca Stumpf.

2. Faculty Hiring
   • We appointed 33 faculty members to professorial, chair, or scholar named positions at the college or unit level in the last year
     • total of 130 faculty in named positions now in LAS
   • Faculty recruitments:
     • 9 new searches authorized; 5 continuing from 15-16
     • 18 faculty have accepted offers to date, with additional offers pending
   • Nine faculty members from the College of Medicine transferred to the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology
3. Undergraduate Initiatives
Like our faculty, our students are also doing very well—we're doing well across the board: humanities, sciences, social sciences (96 percent of graduates in English and creative writing secured a first destination within six months of graduation. This is the highest rate in the college!)
Overall, 83% of LAS alums reported a first destination within six months of graduation, up from 77% for the previous year
- About 70% of those reporting were employed

Lincoln Scholars Initiative-
- a scholarship program to support high-quality students in Illinois who would otherwise not be able to afford the university
- $5,000 scholarships; renewable for up to 4 years
- Alumni and friends have supported more than 70 scholars
- First class of 8 scholars graduated in May
  - Of those that reported their next steps we know that several are pursuing graduate degrees, one went to work for a startup, one went to work for Shell
- 11 are graduating this spring (one graduated already in December)
- We continue to use the scholarship as a tool to support
  - Highly qualified students
  - Illinois residents
  - Those from underrepresented populations
  - Those with financial need
Deadline for students to choose Illinois is May 1st; as of April 24th LAS has 1,940 accepts.

Our Marketing team has worked with humanities units to create a new student recruitment brochure for prospective students.

Our units have developed new and update current curricula this past year to take advantages of the fact we are a comprehensive college as a way to enhance student learning experiences, and (2) increase the marketability of our graduates
Revised majors: Sociology, Spanish, Psychology, French and Commercial Studies
Revised minors: Spanish, Arabic Studies and History
New minor: Criminology, Law & Society, Global Markets and Society

Our units have also developed undergraduate certificates-
- Data Science
- Geographic Information Science
- Cell and Developmental Biology
- Interfaith Studies
- Environmental Writing
- Criminology, Law, & Society
- Social Science Research Methods

The College has opened a Life + Career Design Lab- Dedicated to LAS students’ personal and professional development. Programming starts in LAS 101, helping students create a plan for their first year and beyond, Will highlight department-based opportunities for global learning, service learning, undergraduate research, and career development
4. Capital Projects

The Natural History Building project will reopen this summer, classes will return in the fall. The 148,000 square foot renovation will add student hubs, smart classrooms, and state-of-the-art lab spaces. For the first time all units with the School of Earth, Society and Environment will be housed together. NHB will also be home to the School of Integrative Biology Classrooms, Teaching labs, Biology Honors Program, and the Teaching and advising staff offices. Natural History Building will host an open house during Homecoming, Friday, Oct. 28

The Chemistry Annex project finished last fall- overhaul of 12 classrooms and 100 lab stations. The School of Chemical Sciences will rededicate the space at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, during its Sesquicentennial event.

We are working toward a complete renovation and restoration of Altgeld and Illini Halls; Expected to cost between $90-$100M.

5. Budget

• In FY17
  • Permanent cut: 2% = $2.8M; majority of this distributed to units using a set of 14 metrics
  • Cash rescission: 4% = $5.5M; all absorbed centrally

• FY18
  • Continued uncertainty around state funding
  • LAS will have a 1.85% permanent reduction ($2.66M)
  • LAS also required to hold 2.31% ($3.3M) as a possible cash rescission
    • Campus used metrics (related to instruction and costs) to decide on reductions for colleges

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**SLATE for LAS Standing Committees AY 2017-2018**

Faculty, Specialized Faculty, Academic Professionals, Undergraduate Students and Graduate Students who have agreed to serve on an LAS committee beginning Fall 2017 are in bold

Service is for 2 years unless noted otherwise

The College Bylaws (VI. G.4) provide that “Additional nominations, with the nominee’s consent, may be presented by petition signed by eight voting members submitted to the Secretary of the Faculty at least three calendar days prior to the election.”

**Election Procedures for LAS Standing Committees (VI. G.5):**

1. The Nominations Committee shall present nominations for the Faculty and non-faculty members for each standing committee in the agenda for the last meeting of the Faculty for the academic year.

2. If the slate is rejected, the Nominations Committee will develop procedures for a contested election.
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
I. Justine Murison, English
II. Jonathan MacDonald, Linguistics and Spanish & Portuguese
IV. Inger Stole, Communication
V. Joshua Gulley, Psychology
VI. Brian Freeman, Cell and Dev Biology
VII. Trevor Birkenholtz, Geography and GIS
(1 year)
VIII. Maarten Bergvelt, Mathematics
Marianne Alleyne, Research Scientist
Ryan Christie, undergraduate student
Emily Brown, undergraduate student (Sp18 only)
Mary McDonald, undergraduate student (1 year)
Monica Van Duyne, undergraduate student (1 year)
Hannah Kim, graduate student

AWARDS COMMITTEE
I. ____________________________
II. ____________________________ (1 year)
III. John Karam, Spanish and Portuguese
IV. John Murphy, Communication
V. Lil Sahakyan, Psychology
VI. Rachel Whitaker, Microbiology
VII. Bruce Rhoads, Geography and GIS
VIII. Zoë Rapti, Mathematics
Amber Rose, undergraduate student
Nickolas Anderson, graduate student
Barbara Hall, Academic Adv, Communication
Susan Faivre, Sr Lecturer, Linguistics

COURSES AND CURRICULA COMMITTEE
I. Rick Layton, Religion
II. ____________________________ (1 year)
III. John Karam, Spanish & Portuguese
IV. Brian Gaines, Political Science
V. Nicole Allen (Sp18-F19-Sp19), Robert Wickesberg (F17), Psychology
VI. Stewart Berlocher, Entomology
VII. Alison Anders, Geology
VIII. Anusha Thotakura, undergraduate student
Meggan Lee, graduate student
Allison Musser, Academic Advisor, Integrative Biology
Kristin Wilcox, Specialized Faculty, English

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
I. Jon Solomon, Classics
II. ____________________________
III. Laurie Johnson, Germanic Lang & Lit
IV. Andrew Orta, Anthropology
V. Florin Dolcos, Psychology
VI. Becky Fuller, Animal Biology
VII. Stephen Nesbitt, Atmospheric Sciences
VIII. ____________________________

PHILIP ALPERN, undergraduate student
Eduardo Martinez, undergraduate student
Kostas Kourtikakis, Teaching Associate Professor, Political Science

HONORS COUNCIL
I. Carol Symes, History
II. Renee Trilling, English
III. Misumi Sadler, EALC
IV. Brian Dill, Sociology
V. ____________________________
VI. Brenda Wilson, Microbiology
VII. Christopher Rao, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering - 1 year
VIII. Christian Ray, Director of General Chemistry, Chemistry
Julie Nisperos Dean, undergraduate student
Ann Abbott, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Spanish and Portuguese

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
I. ____________________________
II. ____________________________
III. Melissa Bowles, Spanish and Portuguese
IV. Cara Finnegan, Communication
V. Dan McMillen, Economics
VI. Stephanie Ceman, Cell and Developmental Biology
VII. ____________________________
VIII. ____________________________

Election of Nominations Committee
Members to be voted on in **Bold CAPS**
I. ____________________________
II. FIONA NGO, Asian American Studies & Gender and Women’s Studies - 1 year opening
III. CHILIN SHIH, Linguistics
IV. Leanne Knobloch, Communication
V. DANIEL SIMONS, Psychology
VI. ____________________________ - 1 year opening
VII. ATUL JAIN, Atmospheric Sciences
VIII. Bo Li, Statistics