

Minutes
The Faculty Assembly
The Catholic University of America
August 22, 2018

The meeting began at 12:02 p.m. with Dr. Linda Plitt Donaldson presiding.

The 46 people present introduced themselves by their School affiliation. Faculty from the Schools of Arts & Sciences, Engineering, NCSSS, Law, Music, Drama, and Art, and TRS were present.

The minutes for the June 18 meeting were approved with one abstention. The agenda for the August 22 meeting was approved unanimously.

The Faculty agreed that future votes, with the exception of approvals of minutes and agendas, would be held via paper ballot.

Andrew Zimmerman, former president of the George Washington University Faculty Association, gave a brief presentation on the formation and history of GWUFA and congratulated the CUA Faculty Assembly on its activities and achievement thus far.

Dr. Donaldson provided the faculty with updates since the last meeting

- President Garvey held luncheons with some faculty over the summer, and Provost Abela is attending faculty meetings in an attempt to improve communication with the faculty.

- The Faculty Assembly has been invited to attend a meeting on September 12 with the Board of Trustees, including Mr. Joseph Carlini and Professor Anne O'Donnell. The meeting will be facilitated by former board member Mr. Mark Tuohey.

The Faculty Assembly held a discussion about the content and attendees of the September 12 meeting. The faculty agreed in principle to the meeting with the Board of Trustees, and discussed potential agenda topics. These included problems of leadership at the university; issues surrounding tenure, academic freedom, and shared governance; and faculty economic welfare.

- The Executive Committee will meet to prepare a handout for the meeting with the Board of Trustees, and to discuss who should attend the meeting and how to best convey the concerns of the Faculty Assembly to the Board.

Dr. Donaldson requested additional volunteers to join the Executive Board, and reminded the faculty that she is still serving as president pro tem. She suggested that she would remain on the Board, but not as president. If someone else cannot serve as president, the Faculty Assembly can operate with a collective leadership model going forward.

- Members of the Faculty Assembly in attendance were asked to solicit nominations for Executive Council members from within their schools and departments.
- Members of the Faculty Assembly were reminded that they can contact the Executive Board by writing to cuafacultyassembly@gmail.com.

Dr. Young provided a brief update on the activities of the summer working groups.

- The working groups will continue to gather information and develop their agendas, and report back to the Executive Committee as the academic year progresses.

The next Faculty Assembly meetings were scheduled for September 5 at 4 p.m and September 25 at 9 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.