

Minutes
The Faculty Assembly
The Catholic University of America
September 5, 2018

The meeting began at 4:05 p.m. with Dr. Linda Plitt Donaldson presiding.

The 26 people present introduced themselves by their School affiliation. Faculty from the Schools of Arts & Sciences, Engineering, NCSSS, Music, Drama, Art, and TRS were present.

The agenda for the September 5 meeting was approved unanimously. The minutes for the August 22 meeting were approved unanimously.

Since 26 people were present, there was a motion to suspend the rule requiring 30 people for a quorum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Young summarized the revisions to the bylaws, which reflect an Executive Board headed by a Chair and Vice-Chair (who will take over as Chair the following year).

- The Faculty Assembly voted on a revised set of bylaws by secret ballot and approved the bylaws unanimously, with one minor correction.

The slate for the Faculty Assembly Executive Board was then presented to the Faculty Assembly.

- The Faculty Assembly voted by secret ballot and approved the slate unanimously.
- The approved slate is as follows:
 - o Linda Plitt Donaldson, NCSSS, Chair
 - o Binh Tran, Engineering, Vice-Chair
 - o Julia Young, Arts & Sciences, Secretary
 - o Venigalla Rao, Arts & Sciences
 - o Katherine Jansen, Arts & Sciences (on leave Spring 2019)
 - o Steve McKenna, Arts & Sciences
 - o Bill Barbieri, TRS
 - o David Lipton, Law
 - o Andrew Weaver, Music, Drama, & Art
 - o Michael Mack, Arts & Sciences

Dr. Plitt Donaldson then gave an update on the status of the meeting between Faculty Assembly Executive Board members and the CUA Board of Trustees.

- The Faculty Assembly then held a discussion about strategies and additional suggested topics for the meeting, including: tenure, academic freedom, faculty governance; management problems; financial problems; lack of transparency; the Academic Renewal process; the faculty's Vote of No Confidence; lack of accountability; and lack of communication from the administration.
- Dr. Plitt Donaldson reminded the assembled faculty that there will be another Faculty Assembly meeting on September 25 from 9-11 a.m., in order to report on the outcome of the meeting with the Board.

Dr. Young announced that she would propose several meeting times for the rest of the Faculty Assembly meetings in 2018-2019, and that the Faculty Assembly would hold monthly meetings for the rest of the year, and alternate between the two most convenient times selected by the majority.

The meeting concluded at 6:00 p.m.