

**THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS  
Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
McKenna Hall Auditorium**

**ATTENDANCE**

Deans: *Dean:* John McGreevy; *Associate Deans:* JoAnn DellaNeve; *Assistant Deans:* Ava Preacher, Nicholas Russo, Joseph Stanfiel, Vicki Toumayan

Chairpersons and Directors: Thomas Anderson, Matthew Ashley, James Collins, Richard Gray, Mary Celeste Kearney, Brian Krostenko, Jesse Iander, Sarah Mustillo, Dianne Pinderhughes, Jeffrey Speaks, Thomas Stapleford, Thomas Tweed

Elected Faculty: Undergraduate Student Representative: Ann Astell, David Betson, Liang Cai, Jessica Collett, Ann-Marie Conrado, Noreen Deane-Moran, Richard Donnelly, Mary Flannery, Curtis Franks, Anne Garcia Romero, David Gibson, Daniel Graff, Dan Groody, Joshua Lund, Tara MacLeod, Marisel Moreno, Rahul Oka, Juan Vitulli, David Watson, Hannelore Weber, Lira Yoon

Graduate Student Representative: Jessica Kim, Heather Roberts Stanfiel

Regularly Invited Guests, Observers, and Resource People: Brian O'Conchubhair (Center for the Studies of Languages and Culture Studies), Geraldine Meehan (Faculty Engagement/Global Gateways at NDI), Kathleen Opel (Office of International Studies), Kate Garry (Dean's Office), Matthew Zyniewicz (Dean's Office)

Excused: Carolina Arroyo, Catherine Bolten, John Deak, William Donahue, Collin Meissner, Laura Miller-Graff, Darcia Narvaez, Justin Pizzimenti, Peter Smith, Erika Summers-Effler

Dean John McGreevy convened the meeting at 3:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 19, 2016 College Council meeting were approved.

## COLLEGE BUSINESS

### Implementation of the New Core Curriculum

J. McGreevy stated that two committees have already been formed to help the University transition to the new core curriculum recently adopted by the Academic Council. He reported that there is now a transition committee and a College of Arts and Letters committee. The provost hopes to begin the new core curriculum in the fall 2018.

### Space

Associate Dean Margaret Meserve explained the various faculty office moves over the next twelve months. Overall, the College of Arts and Letters faculty will congregate to the south of campus over the next couple of years. The College will move 245 faculty members in the next 12 months. Six different departments will move. She then explained some of the options that the humanist departments might have to consider over the course of two years.

Matthew Ashley (*Chairperson, Department of Theology*) wondered about what was happening with the library space for graduate students. M. Meserve mentioned that there is a dedicated reading room for history in the library and some graduate students have a graduate workroom and space in the reconfiguration of Decio Hall. The language departments might have different configurations for tutoring spaces, etc. The space management group will work with each program to see how they wish to arrange space for the graduate students.

Dan Groody (*Department of Theology*) asked if the new space will minimize the “shopping mall or dorm effect” of Decio Hall. J. McGreevy explained that the College wants the students to view the department as their home.

Brian O’Conchubhair (*Department of Irish Language and Literature; Director, Center for the Studies of Languages and Cultures [CSLC]*) asked how the CSLC will fit into the space plans. M. Meserve stated that there has been attempts to move the language and literature departments into one building, but such a move might be too tight. It might prove to be too difficult to get everybody back under one roof.

Assistant Dean Joseph Stanfiel recommended that as much space as possible be under the department and the college authority. He noted that graduate student space in Decio Hall will be helpful, maybe even fit all the graduate courses in the space.

Ann-Marie Conrado (*Department of Art, Art History and Design*) emphasized that specialized classrooms and certain classroom layouts are in demand. M. Meserve indicated that the Registrar is trying to equip all the classrooms the same way. J. McGreevy mentioned that the College is trying to create a stronger sense of community and continuity for graduate students and undergraduate students.

Tara MacLeod (*Department of Irish Language and Literature*) wondered about the possibility of clumping some small departments together. It might be beneficial to think about smaller departments clustered with bigger departments so that the smaller departments benefit from more foot traffic. M. Meserve appreciated the insight and observed that the space management team is hopeful that it will generate similarly good ideas for the use of O’Shaughnessy Hall. J. McGreevy agreed that the College will have to look at the effectiveness of clumping departments together.

M. Meserve mentioned that the College will create a more direct walking path from Decio Hall to O’Shaughnessy Hall this summer. Also, with Duncan Hall opening up in the south of campus, the College

will open up a fire exit in the south end of Decio Hall. Also, M. Meserve mentioned that the College continues to consider building an archway—similar to the archway in the law school building—that will connect Decio Hall with O’Shaughnessy Hall.

J. McGreevy concluded the discussion by observing that the College is unclear about what to do with the Snite Museum once it moves.

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. McGreevy adjourned the plenary meeting at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Zyniewicz  
Dean’s Executive Administrator