

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council
Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building 211
September 1, 2022 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Minutes

Remembering Kathryn Kuhn

3:30

Kathryn Kuhn, who passed away this summer, was a vibrant supporter of shared governance whose long record of service includes more than one term as Faculty Council president and multiple terms chairing Council committees. At the time of her death, she was President of the Missouri Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Dean LaVoie presented plans and ideas for a memorial, to include Kathryn's artwork and a quilt.

Provost Mike Lewis

3:35

Provost Mike Lewis and Bill Johnson, chair of the Dean Search Committee, answered questions from the faculty about the search for a permanent College dean.

David Kaplan

4:00

David Kaplan, Associate Director of the Core for Collaborative Inquiry, gave an extensive presentation on Collaborative Inquiry. Please contact David directly if you would like him to talk with members of your department.

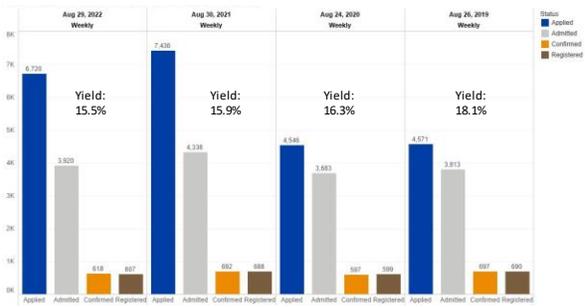
Dean's Remarks 4:30

- Welcome back!
- Fall enrollment
- New faculty
- New centers
- Strategic Planning
 - Overall Academic Plan (alignment with Provost ASP)
 - Research Strategy (alignment with OVPR Research Growth Plan)
- Dean's office contacts and responsibilities

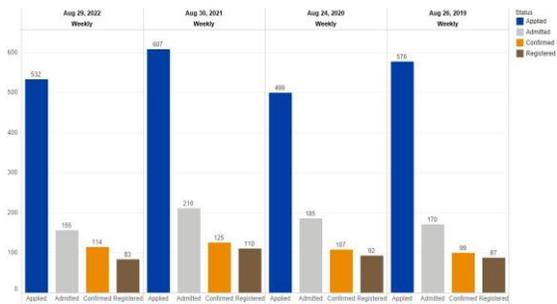
Fall enrollment

- Incoming new students down relative to last year
 - Impacts availability of new money for funding requests
- But overall, across all years, we are ahead of previous year
 - Speaks to retention

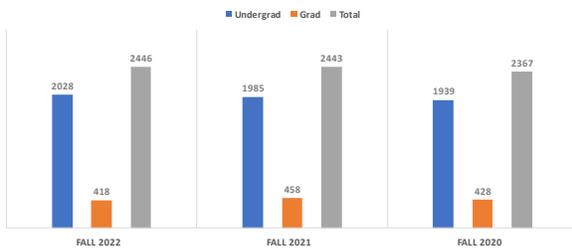
Fall 1st time Freshmen, New Transfers



New Graduate Students



Fall Enrollment (All Students)



New Faculty

- In moving away from a scarcity mindset, we were able to obtain or retain funding to hire a large cohort of new faculty
- 28 new scholars joined our ranks this year
 - 4 are new teaching post doc fellows to assist with delivery of new core
- All will be introduced at our Fall Assembly Breakfast (mark your calendars: Thursday October 27, 911)

New Centers

- The college has added 3 new Centers
- The Center for Research on Global Catholicism (CRGC); Director: Mary Dunn
 - Funded by a Big Ideas grant
 - The Center for Research on Global Catholicism (CRGC) supports scholarship at the nexus of Catholicism and culture, providing robust programming that promotes interdisciplinary research, collaboration, and methodological innovation. It brings together three key components of SLU's Jesuit history and mission: a legacy of global engagement, a commitment to rigorous academic inquiry, and a focus on social justice.

New Centers

- The Center for Culture, Religion, Ethics, Science, and Technology (CREST); Director: Jeff Bishop
 - Inspired by the University's Jesuit identity, the Culture, Religion, Ethics, Science, and Technology (CREST) Center at Saint Louis University is the first research center of its kind in the region. The mission of the CREST Center is to integrate humanistic interdisciplinary scholarship with innovations in science and technology for the service of humanity. In keeping with the Christian intellectual tradition, the center facilitates the integration of the values, knowledge, and skills required to transform the University, its members, and society for the greater good and for the greater glory of God.

New Centers

- The Center for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES); Director: Pauline Lee
 - The Center for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies advances the study of Asian and Middle Eastern cultures and societies, by bringing together SLU's faculty and students and communities in the St. Louis Area and beyond. In keeping with the universalistic outreach of SLU's Jesuit, Catholic mission, it aims at forming students who can competently and compassionately engage in intercultural dialogues, while ethically and professionally serving their communities of choice as "citizens of the world."

Strategic Planning

- CAS will need to begin a process for drafting an Academic Strategic Plan that aligns with the University Academic Strategic Plan
- The OVPR has asked all deans to create Research Strategic Plans
 - College Research/Scholarship/Creative Endeavor Dean's Advisory Council
 - Jen Popiel: Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Research
 - Claire Gilbert: OVPR Director of Scholarly Research Initiatives
 - Jason Knouft (Biology)
 - Jere Weinstock (Psych)
 - Erica Salter (HCE)
 - Nori Katagiri (Pol Sci)
 - Deb Douglas (FPA)
 - Helen De Cruz (Phil)
 - Kate Moran (Am Studies)

Dean's Office	Gary Barker: Sr. Associate Dean for Administration and Undergraduate Affairs
	Kathleen Llewellyn: Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Distance Education (includes International Initiatives)
	Jen Popiel: Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs
	Laurie Russell: Associate Dean for Student Success and Academic Innovation
	Katrina Moore: Director of DEI Initiatives

Elections

4:55

Our Spring elections left some empty seats among Council officers and on Council committees. Jason Eberl explained the upcoming election cycle. The goal is to fill positions within 2 weeks. He will send an email requesting nominations shortly.

Bylaws Revision

5:05

We have discovered one serious issue and some minor points that require clarification. The serious issue is a conflict between the requirement that people find substitutes for semester-long absences (Article VIII, Section E) and the provision that substitutes cannot participate in committees (Article VI, Section H). The FC agreed to fix this issue now but collect minor items for revision at the end of academic year. A draft amendment will be discussed at the October FC meeting.

Happy Hour in the first-floor lobby area! (Thank you Donna for this!)

5:10