

Villanova University Faculty Congress

Academic Year 2012-2013

FACULTY CONGRESS PLENARY

Re-Organization Meeting of May 03, 2013

**Present**: Wayne Bremser, Lillian Cassel,Sohail Chaudhry, Mark Doorley, Edwin Goff (Secretary), Judith Hadley, Christopher Kilby, Julie Klein (COF Chair),Edward Kresch (Treasurer), Sarvesh Kulkarni, Chad Leahy, Michael Levitan, Mary Ann Lieb, Wenhong Luo, Paul Pasles, Salvatore Poeta, Bernard Reilly, Michael Risch,Louise Russo (APC Chair), Sridhar Santhanam, Gaynor Strickler, Robert Styer, Mark Sullivan, Thomas Way, Kelly Welch (Vice Chair, *pro tempore*), Seth Whidden (Chair, *pro tempore*)

**Absent**: Mary Ann Cantrell *(NIA)*, Linda Copel *(NIA)*, Joseph Dellapenna, Rick Eckstein, Paul Hanouna *(NIA)*, Eric Karson *(NIA)*, Sandra Kearney *NIA)*, Kenneth Kroos, Susan Mackey-Kallis *(NIA)*, Barbara Ott *(NIA)*, Paul Reagan *(NIA)*, Donna Shai, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Fayette Veverka, Catherine Warrick *(NIA)*, Joyce Willens *(NIA)*

**Invited Guests (5:00 PM—6:00 PM refreshments):** Fr. Peter Donohue, President; Fr. Kail C. Ellis, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Craig Wheeland, Associate VPAA; past Faculty Congress presidents (Drs. Debra Arvanites, Lillian Cassel, Q Chung, Lowell Gustafson, Robert Langran, Burke Ward).

**Faculty Congress Re-Organizational Meeting 6:00 PM:**

1. **Welcome and introduction of new members of Faculty Congress:**

* Jerusha Conner: Academic Policy Committee and Social Science Senator;
* David Fiorenza: Committee on Faculty and VSB (Economics) Senator;
* Mi (Meg) Luo: Committee on Faculty and VSB (Finance) Senator;
* Michael Risch: Committee on Faculty and Law School Senator; FC Parliamentarian

2. **Approval of the 15 April 2013 Minutes:** postponed, pending completion and distribution *via* email by Edwin Goff, FC Secretary.

Dr. Welch reported that Dr. Seth Whidden submitted Proposed Amendments to the Faculty Congress Constitution to the Faculty Congress membership *via* email on 24 April 2013. The necessary two-thirds majority approved the Amendments on 26 April. (See attached document for the amended section of the Constitution’s By-Laws.

Dr. Welch reported that two members of Faculty Congress serve on the Senate Executive Committee *ex officio* (FC Chairperson and Senate Chairperson); FC membership is required to elect a third member of Faculty Congress to serve for AY 2013-2014. Dr. Goff nominated, and Dr. Whidden seconded the nomination of Dr. Christopher Kilby. Dr. Kilby (FC Vice-Chair AY 2013-2014) was elected unanimously.

Dr. Styer reminded FC members that the University Senate needs faculty volunteers to serve on three Standing Committees: 1) Student Life/Student Government; 2) Mission/Social Justice; and, 3) Rules and Review.

Although Faculty Congress currently has representation at graduation, we need to determine whether representation should be the current, the newly elected or the outgoing FC Chairperson.

By consensus, the outgoing Chairperson is judged to be the proper FC representative:

* **Resolved:** In years when a new Chairperson is elected for the subsequent academic year, the outgoing chairperson will represent Faculty Congress among the University Leadership on the dais for Commencement exercises in May of that Academic Year.

**Adopted Unanimously** by the Faculty Congress of Villanova University, 3 May 2013.

3. **Status of position holders for 2013-14**

**• Chair:** Dr. Victoria McWilliams will be on Leave of Absence; Dr. Kelly Welch has been elected to serve as Chairperson, AY 2013-2014;

**• Vice Chair:** Dr. Seth Whidden will be on Sabbatical Leave; Dr. Christopher Kilby has been elected to serve as Vice Chairperson, AY 2013-2014;

**• Secretary:** Dr. Edwin Goff will continue his service AY 2013-2014;

**• Treasurer:** Dr. Edward Kresch will continue his service AY 2013-2014;

**• Communication Liaison:** Dr. Mark Doorley will continue his service AY 2013-2014;

**• Awards Committee:** Dr. Thomas Waywill facilitate redistribution of duties regarding the multiple service committees, which include planning for the Community Picnic, *Facultas*, and others as needed.

• **Other leaves / personnel changes:** No additional reports were presented.

**4. Updates related to eLearning:**

* The Task Force co-chaired by Dr. Louise Russo (Chair, Academic Policy Committee) and Dr. Craig Wheeland (Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs) will address matters material to structure and implementation of an on-line (distance learning) undergraduate degree program for adult learners through the Office of Part Time Studies.
* A second Task Force is in the process of being formed, to be convened by Dr. Alfonso Ortega (Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Study); it will address the more comprehensive, long-term matters regarding curriculum development, staffing, scope of internal and external accessibility, and integration of distance learning into the education and Augustinian Missions of the University.
* Subsequent the Faculty Congress Resolution of 12 March (see FCP 12 March Minutes) Drs. Whidden and Welch met with Dr. Ortega regarding the important matters of selection procedures; distribution of representation across the academic disciplines and colleges—all premised on the necessity for clarity of purpose and transparency in deliberations from their inception to conclusions.
* Faculty Congress authorized Dr. Kelly Welch (2013-2014 FC Chairperson) to communicate to Dr. Ortega that while the Congress membership is grateful for the Task Force Chair’s ready acceptance of faculty representation, we need additional information for distribution of faculty representation; moreover, Faculty Congress consensus is to have the task force begin deliberations in fall 2013. Shared governance means that we must find workable, reasonable ways of proceeding, remain clear and open from this very earliest forming the Task Force, and transparent throughout.

**5. Meeting schedule for Fall 2013 semester:**

(ORIGINAL)

~~• Wednesday, September 11, 11:30-1:00 PM~~

~~• Monday, October 7, 1:00-2:30 PM~~

~~• Tuesday, November 12, 11:30-1:00 PM~~

**FINAL REVISED:**

Monday, September 9, 11:30-1:00 (Devon Room, Connelly Center)

Wednesday, October 9, 1:00-2:30 (Devon Room, Connelly Center)

Tuesday, November 12, 11:30-1:00 (Devon Room, Connelly Center)

**6. Discussion of goals and priorities for the coming year**

Dr. Seth Whidden extended a gracious invitation to all present and their significant others to re-convene at his home for light repast and an informal post-meeting wrap-up .

The Plenary adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Edwin L. Goff, Secretary

**Proposed Amendments to the Faculty Congress Constitution**

**Submitted to the Faculty Congress**

**24 April 2013**

—Seth Whidden, Chairperson *pro tempre*

**Current language**, relevant excerpts ([available here](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/facultycongress/constitution.html)):

ARTICLE I. Officers.

Section 1. Chair.

2. The Vice Chair shall become Chair on May 1 following the term as Vice Chair. The Chair shall serve as such for two years.

Section 2. Vice Chair.

1. The Vice Chair shall assume office on May 1 following the election and shall serve until the expiration of the term of the Chair, when he or she shall become Chair.

Section 3. Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall assume office upon May 1 following election and shall serve for two years.

Section 4. Treasurer.

1. The Treasurer shall assume office upon May 1 following election and shall serve for two years.

ARTICLE IV. Election.

Section 1. The Faculty Congress shall elect the incoming Vice Chair in even numbered years in the early spring of the year in which they are to take office, but no later than March 15.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1: ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**MOTION #1** in the description of Chair, the new wording would be:

Section 1. Chair.

2. The Chair shall assume office upon May 1 following election and shall serve for two years.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

**MOTION #2** in the description of Vice Chair, the new wording would be:

Section 2. Vice Chair.

1. The Vice Chair shall assume office upon May 1 following election and shall serve for two years. The Vice Chair shall receive an automatic nomination for Chair when elections for Chair and Vice Chair take place.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3: TIMING OF ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**MOTION #3** (so that the elections of Chair and Vice Chair occur simultaneously, as currently stipulated for the Vice Chair; new language in bold underlined italics)

ARTICLE IV. Election.

Section 1. The Faculty Congress shall elect the incoming ***Chair and*** Vice Chair in even numbered years in the early spring of the year in which they are to take office, but no later than March 15.

***April 26, 2013: the proposed amendments to the Faculty Congress bylaws have passed:***

***29 in favor; 2 opposed; 2 abstentions***