Opening:
Council was called to order at 4:01 pm on May 1, 2017 in Ferguson room 482. Dr. Steven Galatas presided as CLAA chair.

Present: Benjamin S. Dixon; Carrie D. Kennedy Lightsey; James Morris; George Day; Lauren E. Brewer; Steve Galatas; Deanne Malpass; Andrew Lannen; Paulo Dutra; Marc Guidry; Seth Bradshaw; Courtney Wooten; Casey Hart; Darrel McDonald; Jeffery Roth.

Agenda:

I. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of April 10, 2017: Minutes were approved with changes.

II. Old Business
   A. College Constitutional Revision – Update: The changes have been made and the vote will start tomorrow. It will remain open for a week. We should remind our colleagues to vote.
   B. Resolution regarding Teaching Effectiveness – Update: Dr. Steve Galatas read the document aloud. We have not yet reached the quorum; Dr. Steve Galatas encouraged the members to vote.
   C. A new item was added last minute: “Annual Faculty Evaluation”: Dr. Steve Galatas distributed the document. The council discussed whether we prefer the new approach, (the one distributed by Dr. Steve Galatas, which contains the “check boxes”) or the old form. Dr. Casey Hart raised the questions about the extent of the reach of the form. Dr. Lauren E. Brewer voiced concerns about the items because in her department they would not serve as measurement of “Teaching Excellence.” Dr. Andrew Lannen mentioned that he shares some reservations, however for him the purpose of the form is not to measure good teaching but rather saying who is fulfilling their obligations. Dr. Lauren E. Brewer pointed out a specific item (Engaging in Grant Contract) that would not be achievable. Dr. James Morris raised the question again of what the exact purpose of the form is. Dr. Steve Galatas mentioned that he also has concerns due to the fact that our fields of expertise and teaching are not exactly alike to each other’s. Dr. Casey Hart raised the question whether would the council support the form or not. Dr. George Day made a motion to oppose it, and Dr. Deanne Malpass seconded the motion. The motion to reject the notion of check box motion was carried.

III. New Business
   A. Election of CLAA Officers for 2017-2018
No nominations for secretary.

Open nominations for Chair: Dr. Brewer nominated Dr. Casey Hart and Dr. George Day seconded. Vote was open: Dr. Casey Hart was elected unanimously.

Open nominations for Vice-chair: Dr. Darrel McDonald nominated Dr. George Day and Dr. James Morris seconded. Vote was open: Dr. George Day was elected unanimously.

Nominations for Secretary were reopened.

Dr. Seth Bradshaw nominated himself: Dr. Lauren E. Brewer seconded. Dr. Seth Bradshaw was elected by acclamation.

B. Other New Business

**IV. Adjournment** the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Dr. Paulo Dutra.