Opening:
Council was called to order at 4:02 pm on February 13, 2017 in Ferguson room 482. Dr. Steven Galatas presided as CLAA chair.

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

Agenda:

I. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of November 14, 2016: Minutes were approved with changes.

II. Old Business
   A. College Council sponsored reading group for The Undergraduate Experience. Dr. Brewer provided updated on the meetings and reported low attendance at the last official meeting before the “Campus Meeting.” The campus meeting didn’t occur as scheduled nonetheless.
   
   B. College Constitutional Revision – Update: Dr. Galatas informed that the final text was not submitted to the Dean. Dr. Brewer suggested that Dr. Morris should highlight the major changes in the document.

III. New Business
   A. Teaching Effectiveness in CLAA Merit, Pre-Tenure, Tenure, Post-Tenure, and Promotion Policies
      After deliberation and clarifications members of the council presented their concerns, which were: 1) The possibility of the document being carried out as a policy; 2) the teaching effectiveness guidelines must be further examined by the council; 3) the exact purpose of the guidelines (if they are not a policy) must be then established; 4) the extent of the guidelines being used as a controlling tool.
      Dr. Guidry informed the council that the Dean is not willing to think of student evaluations as the sole means of teaching assessment. There is an ad hoc committee working on the development of the guidelines and Dr. Malpass brought up the question of whether (all) faculty members should participate in the creation of guidelines.
      Dr. McDonald suggested a motion, which was carried, to postpone any decision on the issue to the next meeting so that the council would have more time to properly study the
guidelines and questions raised. Dr. Galatas asked the Council to study the text until next meeting, to which, the Dean should be invited.

B. Post-Tenure Policy development and implementation.

Dr. Galatas brought up the issue that should the department not vote and pass the post tenure policy by Friday (2-17-17) the chair can write them and they will be used this year. Clarifications are needed on the plan for assisted development, as faculty members are, in general, not familiar with the standards. Dr. Guidry related the following: 1) the post tenure is now university policy therefore it must be carried out; 2) the standards developed by the departments must receive Dean and Provost approval; 3) the purpose is to discuss concerns about the process of building the standards and the way they will be implemented.

Dr. Galatas proposed a March meeting, and moved to continue the discussion then. Dr. Galatas also proposed that the council draft a letter detailing our concerns regarding the post tenure review issue (the problem of faculty facing a process for which no standards exist.)

Dr. Galatas will draft an email to the Dean expressing the immediate concerns. The draft will be circulated before it is sent to the Dean.

Dr Brewer informed the council that although the Faculty Senate officially expressed disapproval of Post Tenure Review process, the Board of Regents approved the process.

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Dr. Paulo Dutra.