Opening:
Council was called to order at 4:03 pm on April 10, 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; Ann Wilder; Marc Guidry; Seth Bradshaw; Courtney Wooten; Casey Hart; Darrel McDonald; Jeffery Roth.

Agenda:

I. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of February 13, 2017: Minutes were approved with changes.

II. Old Business
   A. College Constitutional Revision – Update: Dr. Galatas presented updated information on the matter: “The text is in a final draft, and we will open a vote on the changes on by laws.”
   B. Teaching Effectiveness in CLAA Merit, Pre-Tenure, Tenure, Post-Tenure, and Promotion Policies: Dr. Galatas presented two resolutions from the faculty senate and informed the members of the council that an intense discussion regarding the matter was carried out at the chairs meeting (two weeks ago). Two chairs presented letters with concerns about the resolutions. The response from the chairs forum: The tone is decidedly less hostile. The initial vote was 8 to 1 adopt the second form (a check box in teaching effectiveness and not in service and scholarship).
   C. Other Old Business

III. New Business
   A. Discussion of proposed forms for Annual Faculty Evaluation: The members of the council raised the Fundamental Question of how to evaluate teaching. The members agree that Scholarship cannot be measured by the same standards in every department. Dr. Casey Hart commented on the way the checklist was designed and pointed out that objective versus subjective measure is the main point. There is also some concern with the language, which allows for subjective interpretation. The members agree that an operational definition of “Teaching effectiveness” at the department level is needed. Dr. Galatas proposed to insert an amendment in the resolution in order “to align annual faculty evaluations with the current academic year rather than with previous year’s.” A motion to vote in the
proposal language was proposed. 7 members voted in favor of using the same language the Senate used and 6 voted in favor of using the Proposal’s. A motion to vote by e-mail after Dr. Galatas send the new version was carried.

B. Other New Business

V. Announcements

Dr Galatas made the following announcements: Next meeting, Monday, May 1, 2017 at 4:00 in Ferguson room 482 (This meeting will be for the election of officers for Academic Year 2017-2018.); SOAR (Symposium on Arts and Research), Wednesday, April 19, 2017, BPSC Grand Ballroom; Archie McDonald Speaker Series – Dr. Douglas Brinkley, Monday, April 24, 2017, BPSC Grand Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.

A Proposal to change the deadline of the “College of Liberal and Applied Arts Supplemental Professional Development Funds.”

VI. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Dr. Paulo Dutra