Meeting synopsis:

1. Call to Order
2. Diversity in faculty council membership
3. Adjournment

1. Faculty Council Diversity

Chair Christie shares background on the history of this issue in FCFA. It started with the Senate restructure and how that ended Senate groups. The Faculty Council on University Libraries was the only council that needed to have a member from each faculty group. With the end of that requirement, FCUL was concerned about maintaining diversity. This issue was discussed at FCFA and what should be done. At that time, Alan Kirtley expressed that he would like to ensure that all councils are diverse and to create a statement showing their commitment to diversity. Kirtley suggested using similar wording that is used by the Association of American Law Schools in the bylaws of the section on Clinical Legal Education:

“In nominating officers and members to serve on the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee shall strive to have the officers and Executive Committee reflect the different geographical regions, different clinical program types and different genders and ethnic and racial backgrounds within the Section membership.”

It was pointed out that the Secretary of the Faculty's office does not have any of this type of information. The Council then wanted to compare the statement with UW’s statement, but while searching on the University’s website was unable to find any statement on diversity. The Council also looked at the Faculty Code and handbook for diversity statements and found a few things.

The Council then discussed how they would like to move forward on the matter and decided that they would like to invite Shelia Edwards Lange, Vice President of Minority Affairs and Vice Provost of Diversity, and Luis Fraga, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement to a meeting next year to further discuss the matter.

2. End of Year

Chair Christie thanks everybody for their service on the Council this year and their work on the Senate restructure. Kirtley and the Council recognize for how difficult it was to get the Senate restructure through successfully and thank him. Christie shares that he will be continuing as the chair for the next academic year. He expects that the Council will end up working on improving the new SEC nomination process.

3. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

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Present:
  Faculty: Christie (Chair), Bryant-Bertail, Di Stefano, Kirtley, O'Brien, Ricker, Sjávik
  Ex Officio: Corbett

Absent:
  Faculty: Astley, Carline, Di Stefano, Phillips, Scheuer, Wilcock
  President's Designee: Cameron
  Ex Officio: Padvorac, Vallier, Berg