

Meeting Minutes

Urban Design & Planning

Department Informational Meeting

February 15, 2017

Noon - 1:20 Gould 100

Agenda items

12:00 - 12:15	Proposal for new departmental meeting system	Campbell
12:15 - 12:25	Department/College Fundraising Efforts & Plans	Campbell
12:25 - 12:30	UDP Statement of Inclusion banner	Campbell/Herzog
12:30 – 12:40	Diversity in the Curriculum – updates and ideas	Campbell
12:40 – 12:50	Provost's statement on Department revenue/faculty workload relationship	Campbell
12:50 – 1:00	Admissions Updates: MUP, CEP	Campbell
1:00– 1:20	Announcements/Open Discussion	Open

Present: Christopher Campbell, Larissa Maziak, Branden Born, Sofia Dermisi, Christine Bae, Wendy Freitag, Mark Purcell, Manish Chalana, Himanshu Grover

Proposal for new departmental meeting system: Conversation

There is a proposal for the department to offer two types of meetings. One would be “informational” and not mandatory and the other would be a “governance” which would be more formal and attendance would be required.

Looking back over the last couple of years, most of our meetings have been informational.

Is it possible to list which meetings are mandatory and which ones are informational at the beginning of the quarter or academic year?

How about a set date like the first Wednesday of the month for the governance meeting?

Does Chris want to be the almighty chair?

Chairs note (bi-weekly) would continue

Goal is to maximize attendance at the governance meetings and maximize the engagement at the informational meetings

If we are meeting only once a month then the committees should be stronger. If committees actually had changes to bring to the table, that would be brought to a governance meeting. However, for all the work done on the curriculum committee last year, nothing was changed.

Could we effectively govern ourselves if we reduce the meetings?

If people aren't attending the information meetings, then how can they participate in the governance meetings?

How can we get people to attend meetings??

One reason Chris brought it up because he was sensing that people aren't seemingly that interested in the meetings

We have to create a structure where faculty have to show up and they have to be accountable

It's a privilege to self-govern and it's about the good of the order

The chair has little enforcement power in this current system

Can faculty be more open to tell the chair during a meeting when they find a conversation or topic to be unimportant?

The above may cause the minority voice to not feel comfortable talking about something

Is it possible to bring in someone from UW to help with the current governance of the faculty?

Chris and Mark could sit down and decide what changes had to be made

One thing that we don't have is an agreement to participate

One idea would be to have committees bring information to governance...

1. Committee will decide about a, b, c. This will be planned and talked about with the chair
2. Vote will take place at the governance

We could look at the beginning of the year to see what changes we want to make over the year. The committee then has a timeline per quarter with items to focus on. The committee appointment may be a 2 year commitment and the chair of the committee could meet w the Christopher to talk about progress and perhaps what items they want to put up for a vote.

Culture:

Can we ask the people who are not coming to the faculty meetings, or leaving meetings early, why is that more important than coming/staying at the faculty meeting?

Can we ask people to STOP scheduling other meetings/commitments at the time?

We trained ourselves in the past to not show up to these meetings

Some people are only present when decisions affect them...

All our jobs are scattered and we have a lot of commitments outside of that and we could all give up and not participate.

Faculty meeting is the one place where we can all gather on common ground

Do we want to experiment with governance and information meetings in Spring Quarter?

Since it's not a "governance" Meeting today there can be no vote as to whether or not we should continue with this model. It appears a number of the faculty believe we should keep the meetings every two weeks and that ALL faculty should attend.