

Jan 13 2015

Department Faculty Meeting

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Present:

Christopher Campbell, Larissa Maziak, Dan Abramson, Marina Alberti, Christine Bae, David Blum, Branden Born, Sofia Dermisi, Neile Graham, Himanshu Grover, Kelly Hostetler, Mike Lindell, Anne Moudon, Mark Purcell, Fritz Wagner, Steven Vieth, Phil Hurvitz, Bob Mugerauer, Morten Nicolaisen, Jan Whittington, Bob Freitag

12:00

Approval of 12/2/14 faculty meeting minutes

Fritz W Motions to approve minutes, Marina seconds. Minutes approved

12:03

Approval to appoint Ron Kasprisin to emeritus status

Bob F motions to approve Ron Kasprisin for Professor Emeritus status, Branden seconds

Approved

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12:05

Vote to appoint Holly Taylor as a co affiliate instructor for URBDP 586: Spring quarter 2015

Discussion:

- Branden suggests in the future we widen our net to get more CV's for affiliate positions
- Fritz moves to approve Holly Taylors affiliate appointment, Dan A seconds

Vote

12 yes

0 opposed

0 abstained

12:10

Vote to appoint Shih-Kai (Sky) Huang Ph.D. as an Research Associate to work with our visiting scholar Michael Lindell

- Ann suggested there would be some HR challenges as Michael Lindell's grants are being transferred from another institution
- Mr. Lindell confirms he is almost finalized with transferring the grant to UW
- Ann has concerns that this position may take away an opportunity from one of our students
- Mr. Lindell suggests in the future if the research continues they may be able to hire another assistant from one of our programs
- Sky's appointment would last until Autumn term 2016
- Jan W moves to approve Shih-Kai's appointment as a Research Associate, Marina seconds

Vote

14 yes

0 oppose

0 abstained

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Christopher Introduces visiting scholar Morten Nicholaisen

- Morten is visiting the UW from Aalborg University in Denmark
- He's developing a sustainable urban mobility course
- Interested in risk assessment

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Discussion and vote for new UDP Assistant Professor hire

- This was discussed a year ago. Qing requested this as a new position and was approved by the Dean
- The budget has been reviewed and agreed there is enough money for a new hire. Ron's retirement makes that possible and poses a greater need for a full time Asst. pPofessor
- Christopher has talked to a couple people Dan is willing to chair the committee
- Should we move ahead with design hire?
- Bob F asks if Ron K be a part of the committee?
- Christine wonders about the FTE
- The department's carry over money and Dennis Ryan's 5 year emeritus ending will help fund the new position
- This would be a tenure tract...similar to Himanshu
- Marina thinks we need new input /faculty in UDP
- Marina also thinks important to focus on design to add to the department
- Bob F suggest we could bring in "consultants" practitioners instead of hiring a faculty member
- Anne agrees it's important to have intellectual input on the department full time
- Fritz motions to move forward with hire, Christine seconds

Vote

13 Yes

0 No

0 Abstained

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UDP Strategic Planning Discussion

During the last strategic planning workshop there were 9 areas of focus that emerged:

1. Governance/Administration
2. Program/Curriculum
3. Research
4. Productivity
5. Students
6. Partnerships
7. Service/Contribution
8. Visibility/Reputation
9. Funding/Resources

There are two ways to move forward with the strategic plan:

1. We address these 9 areas in any sequence and move forward addressing each at the faculty meetings...moving forward
2. Focus on the previous strategic plan, which would involve looking backward and also reworking it to fit our existing community

Discussion

- Ann votes to move ahead for the future and go with option number 1
- Jan thinks discussions are exciting and thinks retrofitting old plan is cumbersome
- Moving forward, what will be participation be like?
- Branden would work with Kelly and ask for input while addressing the 9 items.
- Chris is excited with the concept of using a portion of the faculty meeting to address each of the 9 areas

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- Could the faculty meeting be extended by half an hour?
- Bob suggests we try it winter quarter
- Christine...could we have a time line for the strategic plan?
- Branden moves forward with option number 1 and we will focus on these 9 areas per the last strategic plan meeting. For this first meeting we will focus on governance

Governance:

- Governance and Admin have been linked but for the time being, lets separate
- Faculty meeting for example. Show up and be present, put your computer away, don't have side conversations
- How do we want to behave?
- How do we want to work collectively?
- How do we want to be held accountable?
- Branden notes the CEP students have a student contract of how to behave and govern themselves, maybe our faculty could have a similar faculty contract...written or implied?

Conversation:

- Marina: How does technology affect the perception of what one is doing....She is very supportive of a 'contract' but suggests it includes allowance for rule "bending" for certain situations..ie using computers
- Jan W: Like the idea and notion of working collectively...Jan was inspired to work on a large grant by the other faculty and their shared interest and their request for her participation...because of that it fostered interdisciplinary work. She is wanting to see us be more forward in working collectively for example in research and potentially curriculum development
- Branden: Agrees with Jan and thinks as an example, our newest faculty Himanshu has been really brought into the fold by getting on grant proposals etc.
- Dan A: we're not a large group...individuality is also important to our group as a whole. Doesn't understand if we're not already self-governing...how would that change? Dan also remembers in the last meeting that the group as a whole spoke the more about visibility then governance.
- Branden counters that as a group, the faculty and admin have been moving forward with good procedural behavior
- Christopher asks? Do you think we do a good job self-governing?

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- Dan A...again...thinks we need to focus more on visibility rather than governance
- Bob M Thinks it's hard to think of abstractly
- Phil Hurvitz thinks we are all respectful of one another
- Christine suggests a suggestion box? Some way to drop an anonymous idea?
- Himanshu: might be a good idea to have a planning page for new faculty? What are the committees?

Discussion concludes and it's agreed the faculty will discuss another one of the 9 areas at the next meeting.

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Announcements

- Christine has a new MOU with Korea and will be taking a group of students to Seoul Spring quarter
- We received a large amount of money from Mitch Cushman to start a scholarship fund : He was a Ph.D. student and a friend of Fritz...and left 300k to the school. His sister will come to the scholarship luncheon
- Marina: Next week is the regular CBE breakfast. It will provide basic information to support people who are starting grants...and what support is received in the dean's office.