

Department Meeting

November 1, 2016

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Agenda items

12:00 - 12:10	Approval of 10/18/16 minutes	Campbell
12:10 - 12:45	Discussion: RE candidate qualities.	Campbell
12:45 – 1:10	MUP thesis discussion	Campbell
1:10 – 1:20	Brief Announcements: Dept 10yr review; Executive meeting updates.	Campbell and others

Additional information

Present: Christopher Campbell, Larissa Maziak, Dan Abramson, Sofia Dermisi via Skype, Simon Stevenson, Marc Purcell, Jan Whittington, Bob Mugerauer, Rachel Berney, Manish Chalana, Qing Shen, Himanshu Grover

PSA Rep Ariadne Brancato

Approval of October 18 Minutes:

Dan moves

Rachel second's

9 yes (one vote given in absentia prior to meeting)

1 abstention

Discussion of RE candidates:

Can there be language in the ad to raise the visibility that we are looking for someone with a housing focus.

The diversity statement in the ad also needs to reflect the most recent version. Branden and or Rachel should have a copy of this

Can we ask applicants submit a diversity statement and a teaching statement. How they see diversity...

Also, can the diversity statement be included earlier in the ad.

Chris can you send the last ad template that includes the diversity statement?

Can we add community development in communities that are underserved under research interests?

What are next steps?

Simon will have a go at rewriting the Ads, then forward to Christopher for revisions then finally to faculty prior to going live with the ad.

It will be fine to talk at the ACSP this week about the positions.

MUP Thesis Discussion

We have fewer people to support the MUP thesis then ever including two people will be gone the next 3 quarters

Do we want to make changes to thesis requirement?

Do we want to create a new policy?

A It's fine as is

B. Let's get rid of thesis altogether

C A number of choices in between such as optional thesis, or group thesis option

Discussion:

There is agreement that we want to have some kind of finishing product. For those students who don't want to do a thesis...it may be possible to offer another option...whatever that is

The curriculum committee will be discussing

There also is consensus that the Professional Project structure may need to be adjusted

This year some of us are going to have to take a heavier burden of thesis committees and we need to figure out a fair way to do this

Announcements:

Curriculum Committee consists of

Dan, Manish, Rachel, Sofia, Diana, Kelly and Rosie

They will continue the cluster conversation

The hazard cluster is getting close

Land use and transportation cluster is still in conversation.

They will also focus on Studio definition and policy

Reminders

The dept. is hosting an event on Friday for ACSP at the Picnic house.

We need to have names of people who could possibly review for the graduate school ten year review