

11/29/2016

Faculty Meeting

Attendees: Dan Abramson, Marina Alberti, Rachel Berney, David Blum, Branden Born, Chris Campbell, Manish Chalana, Sofia Dermisi, Bob Freitag, Don Miller, Bob Mugerauer, Mark Purcell, Qing Shen, Diana Siembor, Simon Stevenson, Jan Whittington

Absent: Ariadne Brancato, Larissa Maziak

Agenda:

1. Announcements
 - a. This is the last faculty meeting of Autumn quarter
 - b. MUP Thesis Procedural Changes – Diana
 - o Students & faculty are responsible for signing & uploading their paperwork. Diana will no longer be able to sign forms on behalf of faculty or scan forms on behalf of students.
 - c. MUP Thesis/Prof. Project committee expectations – Chris
 - o Faculty are expected to participate on ~7 student committees this year, due to decrease in faculty due to retirements & sabbaticals
 - d. Study Abroad Procedural Changes (fees, training, etc.)
 - e. Change in how ABB credit are distributed in University: changing distribution for grads to match undergrads, so that 80% is based on student credit hours. This will result in small net gain to CBE. It is unclear how this gain will be distributed to Departments.
 - f. APA holiday celebration on Dec. 8. All faculty encouraged to attend.
 - g. Chris to host holiday party at this house: date TBD. All faculty are invited.

2. Open Comments – Himanshu Grover reappointment for a second three-year term as assistant professor

Mark Purcell described process: Everyone welcome to participate in the open comments section. Following that, non-voting attendees will leave, and faculty will hear the review committee's report, followed by voting.

Himanshu is in class & can't be at the meeting today.

Bob Freitag clarified the grants on which Himanshu is a P.I. or a co-P.I.

Faculty contributed their opinions about Himanshu's work.

3. Closed discussion for voting faculty only
 - a. Jan Whittington described the report on behalf of the reappointment review committee (comprised of Jan W., Dan A., & Qing)
 - o The committee's charge was to examine the proposal for reappointment
 - o The committee's unanimous assessment is that Himanshu should be awarded reappointment, based on his teaching, service, & research.

- They recommend increasing MUP thesis advising, CEP capstone advising, & PhD dissertation advising
 - The committee is pleased with the prospects for his research & publishing.
 - They will encourage him to continue to improve his teaching.
 - They will encourage him to elevate his individuality as a scholar, rather than as a member of a research team.
 - Regarding service: he has contributed to the UDP Curriculum Committee, & he participates as a reviewer for outside organizations.
 - They have advice for him regarding how he can present himself & his work in his tenure package, but did not include this advice in the official letter. Dan & Jan will be co-mentors for Himanshu to give him this advice outside of the letter.
- b. Comments from the faculty attendees:
- Some faculty were concerned about the level of contractual work Himanshu is engaged in. They think Himanshu should be cautious about the level of his contractual work, unless that contractual work results in academic articles. Otherwise, contractual work could take up this time.
 - Faculty felt that the review committee needs to emphasize to Himanshu that he needs to improve his teaching. The committee should review his course evaluations over time to track potential improvement .
- c. Vote
- Jan Whittington: Moves to reappoint Himanshu Grover as assistant professor for a three year term.
 - Sofia Dermisi seconds the motion.
 - The voting occurred by ballot. 11 voting faculty members were present and cast their ballots. The results of the vote were:
 - Yes: 10
 - Abstain: 1
 - No: 0