# **Department Faculty Meeting**

**October 20, 2015**

**Noon – 1:20 Gould 208J**

# **Agenda items**

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| 12:00 — 12:10 | **Visiting Speaker:** Shanna Sokul, Combined Fund Drive | Campbell |
| 12:10 — 12:20 | **Visiting Speaker**: Chuck Sloane from the Ombud Office | Campbell |
| 12:20 — 12:25 | **Vote:** To approve 10/6/15 meeting minutes | Campbell |
| 12:25 — 12:30 | **Vote**: To appoint Patrick McCabe, Affiliate Instructor | Dermisi |
| 12:30 — 12:35 | **Vote:** To appoint Charles Tu, Affiliate Instructor | Dermisi |
| 12:35 — 12:50 | **Update:** ACSP Ph.D. students on market | Campbell |
| 12:50 — 1:101:10 — 1:20 | **Update: College Council issues:** CBE Pre-major and faculty unionization**Updates:** Other business | ChalanaCampbell/others |
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## **Additional information**

**Present**

Larissa Maziak, Christopher Campbell, Branden Born, Sofia Dermisi, Bob Mugerauer, Kelly Hostetler, Phil Hurvitz, Rachel Berney, Dan Abramson, Manish Chalana, Himanshu Grover, Qing Shen

PSA Student Rep: Jacob Brett

**Meeting Starts:** 12:05

**Visiting Speaker:** Shanna Sokul, Combined Fund Drive

Shanna spoke about the UW’s Combined Fund Program and left literature regarding specifics of giving. Alex from Summit Assistance Dogs was there with his guide dog and spoke about how the program has improved his quality of life. Summit is just one of the thousands of charities faculty and staff can contribute to via the Combined Fund Drive.

**Visiting Speaker**: Chuck Sloane from the Ombud Office

From the Office of the Ombud website *“ We serve the entire University of Washington community by providing a collaborative and confidential environment to discuss your situation, consider options, and develop a plan for the future. We are available to meet at any of the three campuses, Harborview, or the UW Medical Center”*

While the Ombud serves the entire UW community, the majority of cases that the Ombud office manages are from paid University employees. The complexity of academia can lead to conflict and the office is there to provide assistance is difficult situations. They handle about 500-600 cases a year, most of which are dealing with transition period; retirement, new faculty, how to “re-set” relationships. Office can help expand perspective.

Over arch of the mission of the Ombud: The office is confidential\* and it’s a safe place to check in with someone who is independent and neutral.

Office is located on the third floor of the HUB. Refer students, staff or fellow faculty to their offices.

206-543-6028 | ombuds@uw.edu

\*Like all University entities, the Ombud Office is subject to Public Information Records inquiries but they do their best to minimize paper or email trails to ensure confidentiality

**Vote to approve the October 6 Meeting Minutes**:

Bob Mugerauer moves to approve

Phil Hurvitz seconds

9 yes, 0 no , 0 abstain

**Vote to approve Patrick McCabe as an Affiliate Instructor**:

Mr. McCabe would teach a course as an Affiliate Instructor in the Real Estate program called Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in the Built Environment. He has in BA in ARCH and an MS in Construction Management, both from UW. He has an extended career in commercial real estate, which the real estate hiring committee found appealing.

There was a question from UDP faculty about the syllabus prior to today’s meeting and Sofia provided a draft syllabus. Moving forward, if something isn’t covered in the draft, let’s get it in the syllabus because we want the course to be as broad as possible.

This will be his first time teaching a course but he has done significant amount of public speaking. He is eager to work with students and help them understand the negotiation process.

**Comments/questions:**

This appointment is for one quarter? Yes.

There is concern to have someone who has never taught before teach this class. Yes, he has deep experience but it’s about doing a “deal”. In Planning there also needs to be theory, and maybe negotiation isn’t always the right idea.

Mr. McCabe appears to be good at what he does, and in light of the time constraint, the candidate should be supported

Manish Chalana moves to appoint Patrick McCabe as an Affiliate Instructor

Branden Born seconds

**10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained**

**Vote to approve Charles Tu as an Affiliate Instructor**:

Mr. Tu would teach a course as an Affiliate Instructor in the Real Estate program called Financial Modeling for Real Estate II, which focuses on the use of ARGUS.

It’s been difficult to fulfill this position because we are not Chicago or NY where it is used more prevalently. This will be a software-based class. Normally, a representative from Argus comes in for two long days and that’s it and but Mr. Tu will have on-line follow up training and check in’s.

Mr. Tu’s previous students have been involved in Argus software case competitions over the last 6 years and won first place four times and placed second twice.

The computer lab in The Digital Commons will have the Argus software on their computers and if students want, they may also get the software on their computer.

If students want to be Argus certified, there will be an additional cost.

**Comments/questions:**

The faculty thinks it’s a great offering for students and that this individual is the perfect fit for this kind of course.

Dan Abramson moves to appoint Charles Tu as an Affiliate Instructor

Qing seconds

**10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained**

**ACSP conference:**

For the upcoming ACSP conference, Christopher hands out the profiles of our PHD students who will soon be on the market to hand out at the conference. Faculty like this idea and hope that next year,the profiles can be even stronger and more dynamic.

**Manish: College Council Feedback: BE Pre-major and Faculty Unionization**

**BE Pre-major**

There is talk of starting a BE Pre-major. Because there is no current BE structure for undergraduates, departments are teaching their own 2-300 level courses. There is discussion of a BE digital course, GIS, and a course on sustainability.

The college will put together some resources to gather and relay.

These courses are open to ALL students throughout the University. Construction Management has a large pre-major, which has been successful and has acted as a feeder for their graduate program.

These large courses creates more PhD TA opportunities

Concern is how do we allocate faculty resources? One possibility is to have multiple faculty members teach one course where one faculty is the lead instructor, use guest speakers and use the TA’s for the breakout sessions.

There is the possibility to offer these courses in the summer.

Is there any interest to teach the sustainability? Possibly Himanshu?

Dan Abramson and Bob Freitag said they would be interested in teaching a hazard course.

Bob Mugerauer said he would be interested in looking at the Built Environments and health issues, if it were the multiple instructor model, where he could take the lead but not teach every meeting.

**Unionization:**

Manish was asked to report to the faculty senate as to how faculty feels about unionization.

Some UW Faculty are pushing for unionization

Kind of a commitment of a lifetime

Dues are over $1000 a year

There needs to be more information and questions that need to be answered before our faculty can make a decision/statement as to how they feel about this issue.