# **Department Meeting**

**May 10, 2016**

**Noon – 1:20 Gould 208J**

# **Agenda items**

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| 12:00 — 12:05 | **Vote:** To approve 4/26/16 meeting minutes | Purcell |
| 12:05 — 12:15 | **Vote:** To appoint Charles Tu, Professor with tenure | Purcell |
| 12:15 — 12:20 | **Review/Discussion:** Letter to the Faculty from Planning Student Association | PSA Representative |
| 12:20 — 12:30 | **Review: MUP Cluster and Curriculum reform** | Abramson |
| 12:30 — 1:20 | **Review: Review for Merit junior faculty Berney, Grover, Hurvitz** | Purcell |
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## **Additional information**

Present:

Mark Purcell, Larissa Maziak, Bob Mugerauer, Phil Hurvitz, Sofia Dermisi, Don Miller, Manish Chalana, Rachel Berney, Dan Abramson, Branden Born, Christine Bae.

Present by Proxy: Christopher Campbell, Jan Whittington, Himanshu Grover, Christopher Bitter

PSA Representative: Ariadne Brancato

**Approve 4/26 Meeting Minutes:**

Dan moves, Phil seconds

8 yes no 0 abstention 0 no

**Reminder:**

Two e votes coming Qing’s Visiting Scholar and Sofia affiliate faculty

**Vote to Appoint Charles Tu**

John has offered the position of Director of the Real Estate Dept. to Charles Tu. Before he can hire, he needs a positive vote from the UDP faculty to appoint Charles Tu as a full professor to the Department of Urban Design and Planning.

**Discussion**

Some feel it would be beneficial to have an additional meeting to further discuss, the positive or negative impacts of having Charles as a member of the UDP faculty. In light of the conversations at the previous faculty meeting, and in the interest in time, it’s proposed that the faculty vote today with no discussion.

Don moves to proceed with the vote, Berney second

Do you approve to appoint Charles Tu as Full Professor in the Department of Urban Design and Planning?

9 yes

3 abstain

1 no

**PSA Letter to the faculty –Ariadne Brancato**

Ariadne said the student’s letter was to express that the students were initially excited when they heard the curriculum might be changing to better reflect the needs of the students. As the year passed, they were frustrated to learn they would not be experiencing the curriculum changes during their time here at UW. They understand that faculty is working on it, but they think it needs to be moving more quickly and towards a definitive deadline. The students also wanted to remind faculty that there are multiple reasons, not just at the level of student wants/interests, to make the curriculum change as soon as they are able.

**MUP Cluster and Curriculum reform- Dan Abramson**

Would like to commend the students for saying something.

What will the reform mean?

The current specialization is unbalanced. Currently it’s heavy in land use/infrastructure and transportation planning

Also, the specializations don’t necessarily reflect the faculties research interests.

Dan has created a plan with what the future clusters would look like. He will email this to everyone and will ask the faculty; based on what their cluster(s) focus would be, to fill out the section sin blue. What courses we currently offer and what courses we may need to add to make a cluster?

NEED PARTICIPATION FROM FACULTY TO MAKE THIS WORK

Himanshu has already created a mock up where community resilience and hazard mitigation cluster and it seems to work well.

Students could have cross over clusters.

Some clusters currently have no courses so we would need to create new courses or look to other courses on campus that we could work with to have work with our cluster needs.

Is there a time line so students can follow up with accountability?

The plan is to finalize the work Dan has given you, insert into the proposal, and, move to vote in fall 2016 to enact the changes by Autumn 2017.

**Review for Merit junior faculty Berney, Grover, Hurvitz- Closed meeting**