Department Meeting

January 23, 2018
Noon – 1:20   Gould 100

Agenda items

12:00 — 12:05	**Approval of minutes**	Campbell
12:05 — 12:25	**Discussion of Sofia Dermisi joint appointment**	Campbell
12:25 — 12:30	**Vote: Sofia Dermisi joint appointment**	Campbell
12:30 – 1:00	**Discussion of departmental decision-making**	Campbell
1:00 – end	**Announcements**	Campbell

Additional information

Present

Christopher Campbell, Diana Siembor, Sofia Dermisi, Phil Hurvitz, Mark Purcell, Dan Abramson, Bob Freitag, Qing Shen, Larissa Maziak, Rachel Berney, Manish Chalana, Himanshu Grover, Christine Bae, Jan Whittington

MUP Application Data

Diana is hoping to reach out to other Universities to look at their numbers and see if they are also down in numbers.

What are we doing to raise our numbers?

We understand we're in an economy where people aren't necessarily going back to Grad school. We are considered maybe a "safety" school.

We are expensive for out of state students

Looking to grow our in-state students as well as our GNM students

Admit the students who will actually come…

We're reaching out to the other state schools and our branch campuses

We could even devise programs that are more tailored for in-state students…

We're looking to grow our students of color

We're looking to update our webpage to make our program more welcoming to students of color as well as international

We're looking to increase our fundraising but that's also more long term long range goal planning

What about having our web pages in different languages? Maybe for Spanish but please not Chinese?

We should also be looking at students from the "better" schools in countries like China.

One way to bring in students is build up our Alumni page so they can talk about our program and

Can we ask incoming students…how did you find out about our program?

For China…1. Professors 2. Planetizen ranking 3. Peers

Why are we lower ranked on Planetizens? They don't provide that data…how they rank

Tacoma opened up an undergrad program in urban studies. Can we start looking at Bothell??

Have we looked at joint degrees or certificates?

Can we look more at bringing in CEP?? If we have to grow the MUP program that would be a great way to grow that pipeline.

What about the MIPM program and articulation?

What about possible joint degree with…Social Work OR Engineering?

Evans and Public Health have not been super opening to sharing our programs

What about reaching out to Microsoft and Amazon spouses to go back to graduate school??

Approval of Minutes Jan 9

Mark move

Qing second

8 yes

2 abstain

Discussion of Sofia Dermisi joint appointment

67% would reside in RE

33% would reside in UDP

MOU presented

Sofia: "The reason I'm interested is the need to break down the silos…I would be the person to bridge the current silos that exist. There are a number of MUPs that are interested in RE and it would be good to be there to discuss RE and in addition I could serve on thesis committee.

It's a good idea to keep the communication going on with both departments. It would be good to have collaboration with RE and UDP in terms of research. It would be good to start thinking about joint studios."

Open discussion

There's also been discussion of ULI and UDP competition

We're delighted to continue this relationship and formalize it!

It's helpful to our students and for combined research interests…

Sofia has always been putting MUP students interests first!

CLOSED MEETING DISCUSSION

Why would UDP be involved with the Merit review? Because she is appointed in both, in principle, UDP should have some say but in the end it's up to Real Estate…

The upside would be for us to communicate how we think she is doing…

How do we make sure it doesn't go away? Is the MOU strong enough to maintain that relationship. We're not paying for her…

This is stronger than an adjunct…we have 33% of her participation.

VOTE:

To appoint Sofia at .33% FTE in Urban Design and Planning as a joint member faculty with the Department of Real Estate

Dan move

Qing second

10 yes

1 no

0 abstain

Discussion of departmental decision-making

Current practice is to present something…discuss and then come back and vote. When we vote now it's a majority and it seems it's also more discussion

Should we move to consensus, majority?

There are certain decisions that affect the future of the program…

It would be good to have super majority but also do something to not bind us …end result can be conditional.

1. Introduce topic…
2. Follow through…with a vote?
3. We need to have our own system…things may not need to come to a vote.

We vote by majority rule when we do tenure…

Should we have this same discussion for curriculum?

In the tenure process we are but one voice in the overall process

Hiring is the most significant vote we make but any changes to the curriculum is also very significant…

How can we assure that everybody's voice is heard in making a decision…?

If the vote say was 6 to 5…would we feel comfortable moving forward…?

It depends on the overall impact on the department

One potential solution…how do you vote to change your voting threshold? We could see if we have a consensus on changing the vote for a particular issue?

Can the committee have a stronger super vote??