

Minutes

Urban Design & Planning

Department Meeting

February 11, 2020

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Agenda items

12:00- 12:05	Approve minutes	Campbell
12:05 - 12:35	MUP admission Stats and Processes	Campbell
12:35 - 1:00	Data Science Position Discussion	Campbell
1:00 - 1:10	Nominations for Senator	Campbell
1:10 - 1:20	Announcements	Campbell

Present: Mark Purcell, Bob Mugerauer, Branden Born, Rachel Berney, Christopher Campbell, Sofia Dermisi, Manish Chalana, Qing Shen, Christine Bae

Via Zoom Marina Alberti, Dan Abramson, Jan Whittington

Absent: Himanshu Grover

Approve Minutes:

Move second 9 yes 0 no 0 abstain

MUP admissions Stats and Processes

[MUP Admissions Data Link to Power point](#)

Our # of acceptances hasn't gone down in fact it's gone up...

This year we are also offering the tuition reduction for western states

It's interesting to look at student outcome vs. what their application GPA and GRE score is...it's good to pay attention to the more subjective information such as personal statements, history etc.

So many of the applications look similar so it is important to look at GRE score...this is one thing of achievement that you can look at...

This GRE test doesn't necessarily measure how well they would actually do in school...

PhD also looks at GRE scores it to sort out into groups

New this year is Peer Review

This is an option where applicants can get feedback from current MUP students on their application.

It not official and does not promise any particular outcome for those applicants who have used the peer review process

MUP students do get some training to help with Peer Review...

Data Science Position

Public health approached UDP to share this position. This would strengthen the connection between UDP and Public Health. Provost would provide .5% UDP provide .25 and Public Health .25. for 6 years...after that it would then be up to the departments to come up with the funding...

The proposal has come from Andy Dannenberg and Public Health...Christopher had started a more general proposal for the college but this proposal is more specific to the department than the college and coupled with another department.

Marina said the data science minor started in 2019 and the college was contacted earlier about this.

Other things we can be looking at are urban, transportation and all the other things our department does.

If this dept is going to hire anyone...6 years is a good subsidy.

If we are going to go with public health...really needs to connect with Anne Moudon and the Urban Form Lab MIT has an urban analytics focus in collaboration with computer science...we should look at the language around this

Would this have any impact on our stem standing?

At USC there was someone in landscape who was a data scientist...he was ½ time in ARCH and ½ time in Arts and science. This was a very positive relationship.

Rachel did a data science project with Arch and did data science around equity and it would be great to have more traction in the college moving forward.

Jan would like to contribute to the proposal as well...

Will this be a reactive hire??

Will it possibly shut other doors??

Again...this position would be good if there was a focus on Urban

We have lost a number of urban design faculty...there is a big burden on urban design faculty with thesis

Is public health really the best route to go with??

The question...should Christopher continue and move forward with this?

Yes move forward with the proposal and then if it does get approval we come back and talk about logistics and decide if it's really the best fit for UDP

Nominations for Senator

UDP is next up for providing a senator to represent the CBE in the UW faculty senate.

Would anybody like to volunteer?

Jan is willing

Christine

FYI attendance at faculty senate meetings are mandatory....

General Announcements

South Korea student trip...do we know anything about Coronavirus and travel restrictions? Any inquiries should be followed up with the study abroad office and study abroad. Be sure your program is registered with study abroad as is now required.

PhD reviews have been started

We are continuing high priority given to students who would be able to receive any research funding so please let the programs know if you have any funding opportunities for incoming PhD students

