

Department Faculty Meeting

October 19, 2021

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Agenda items

12:00 - 12:10	Oct 5 minutes approval	Campbell
12:10 - 12:15	COVID updates/ Q&A	Campbell
12:15 - 12:30	Committee Assignments	Campbell
12:30 - 1:00	Data Science Hire	Whittington/ Dannenberg
1:00 - 1:10	Dept survey	Alberti/Born
1:10 - 1:20	Other Announcements/Discussion	Campbell et al

Attendees: Alexis Wheeler, Wendy Freitag, David Blum, Sofia Dermisi , Bob Mugerauer ,Manish CHalana, Branden Born, Mark Purcell, Qing Shen , Christopher D Campbell Rachel Berney Dan Abramson, Andy Dannenberg,Himanshu Grover, Jan Whittington Marina Alberti

Absent: Christine Bae

A moment to remember and honor Fritz Wagner was taken

Oct 5 Minutes: move second 11 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Covid updates:

Numbers are good

Please remember to let CHristopher and Meegan if you are aware of positive cases

Committee Assignments:

Current Admin Duties

Dan Abramson :College Council

Rachel Berney: MUP Program Coordinator and PAB work

Manish Chalana Historic Preservation Certificate

Mark Purcell: Associate Chair & back up college council

Qing Shen: PHD Program

Jan Whittington: UW Faculty Senate & CBE curriculum committee

Cohort Hire

Marina Alberti

Branden Born

Data Hire

Jan Whittington

Qing Shen

Admissions

Mark Purcell

Sofia Dermisi

Curriculum

Himanshu Grover

Keith Harris

Rachel Berney

EDI

Christine Bae

Branden Born

Manish Chalana

Data Science Hire Update

UW provost had an initial call to create a data science appointment in both STEM and non STEM fields...there was a call for a proposal to the provost where they would help cover a portion of the hire for a data science position. CBE and Pub Health were awarded the position..but then covid hit

The idea is that the position will meet the non stem needs for planning and stem needs for public health

What can we do with these large data sets that currently exist on campus, in TRAC for example??

This position calls for some teaching in a data science minor...???? But not necessarily the person we hire..but some contribution to the minor from the department

Jan and Andy are co chairing the committee

Job posting is now live

<http://apply.interfolio.com/94429>

Committee has had EDI training

Start reviewing applications DEC 1

The position will live in UDP as this is a 9 month/full time position...while it's equal with Public Health...Due to UW regulations...there does need to be a "host" department.

For UDP..who would be the ideal candidate?

Could this position interact with AI...short answer yes

What UDP can do now is to spread the word...

DEPT SURVEY Marina

10 questions..

Because of the platform..which can allow a way to synthesize data but due to that, it's a bit difficult to translate to a traditional survey

What are the area of convergence or divergence when we think about the new hire

What will be in your view...the areas of expertise and competencies that will shape the future of the field..

After the survey is sent...we will look at these grand challenges and find some areas of prioritisation...

The survey...doesn't allow you to go back so you need to be mindful of what you are putting down and where you are in the process....

Neither of these positions are looking to backfill...these are more looking to add value to departments
Survey will go out this week and we will look at the survey to start a conversation at the next faculty meeting in 2 weeks..

Survey was sent out on Oct 22 and a reminder sent on Oct 29

<https://www.menti.com/h9r62hbje7>

EDI Week

Just finished last week

The first year was more successful...there was preparation...there were more meetings.It was in week 5 so a bit later..

This time...we got feedback from students that they didn't notice any discussion on EDI week..

There was the discussion to maybe officer it spring 2022?

Discussion:

Students were saying they did not know there was an EDI week or a common book...

One idea is that maybe students don't want to discuss??

Planning in Color last year was encouraging and we are looking to invite them back in winter possibly...

We will maybe update the common book page..?

Common book issues: Too long, too expensive..too boring?

Last year's book v this year...this year read more as a liberal report..

Is it helpful to have articles about the book that would be a bit easier to break down...

is there a way to spend more time on what to do about racism??

PHD seminar attendance every two weeks is very low...

Please present at the research seminars!