

Department Faculty Meeting

February 7, 2023

Noon – 1:20

In person: Gould 440

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Agenda items

12:00 - 12:05	Review Agenda	Campbell
12:05 - 12:15	Approve Jan 10 minutes (vote)	Campbell
12:15 – 12:25	Fac Senate updates; College Council updates	Chalana; Whittington
12:25-12:35	Policy updates	Olguin
12:35 – 12:45	Chair Transition update	Campbell
12:45 – 1:10	Climate Change specialization/certificate discussion	Campbell
1:10 – 1:20	Approve Dec 13 minutes – CLOSED MEETING	Campbell

Attendance:

Faculty Present

1. Dan Abramson
2. Christine Bae
3. Christopher Campbell
4. Manish Chalana
5. Sofia Dermisi
6. Himanshu Grover
7. Qing Shen
8. Jan Whittington
Dylan Stevenson

Staff Present

1. Edith Olguin
2. Diana Siembor

Approval Minutes:

Faculty will vote on Jan 24 minutes next faculty meeting.

Updates and Announcements

(Campbell) - Reminder: This the time of the year to see an uptick on mental health issues among students, be aware, UW care sources shared in the Chair's note email. If you think a student needs help please contact D. Siembor, M. Herzog or C. Campbell. Also, uptick on student conduct issues, pay attention to their mental health to reach out support to avoid Student Conduct Review.

(Manish) Faculty Senate - The comment line for the Provost search is still open to feedback.

(Whittington) College Council is working on;

- Making amendments to the CC bylaws and the T&P guidelines,
- How to bring the current Curriculum Committee Review process up to the faculty code
- Working on changing the policies and guidance for Curriculum Committee recognizing that curriculum serves the College Council.
- Review unit budgets across the college. Request submit the Dean's office.
- Review faculty concerns as a result of the posting board from NOMAS and figure out how to address the issue. Some faculty contact the College Council expressing concerns.
- The College Council is getting ready to send to the voting faculty amendments to the policies about one month in advance to the meeting. It will be time for Q&A and dialogue.

(Manish) What are those concerns?

(Whittington) 1) There are many forms of taking anonymous student feedback and having one in front of the Happy Hour Alumni is not a good way of communication. 2) Concerns on how is faculty facilitating these conversations with students. Understand if students are giving any guidance about hate speech or defamation. The College Council is writing a letter to the Dean and Chairs expressing their point of view. Feel free to send comments to J. Whittington or to any other College Council member.

(Campbell) Context about NOMAS - National student group, there is a local chapter in the Department of Architecture, they have a student leadership, two are part of the CBE Diversity Council and have a faculty mentor, Vikram, and have an advisor. They engage with the community with boards, put a question and anybody can post something, it has been all quarter but has not been a lot of response. This last board had a lot of responses, started notice that they were posting faculty by name which raise a lot of concerns at all levels of the College. Reached out to the NOMAS member and talked about the impacts in the community to get a sense of their plans. Their intention was to taken the board down themselves by Friday and they did. They would use the comments to write a report to the Dean's office regarding inclusion. The Attorney General's office was contacted, it responded that the board can't be touched and nobody can intervene with the free speech in a public space. After this, the decision was to support individuals the best possible. NOMAS knew about Alumni event and wanted to leave there to bring pressure to faculty to make changes in their teaching. It will be a meeting with the University Council later this week to talk about ideas to support students. The University doesn't have good policies to investigate/support students' complaints.

Policy Updates (Olguin)

Related to Pre-trip approval - all faculty must fill out a pre-trip approval form regardless of funding when the travel location is outside of the state of Washington, Oregon or Idaho, according to the UW pre-trip approval policy: <https://finance.uw.edu/travel/approvals>

(Grover) Is this form required in summer? Faculty in 9 months appointment doing UW business during the summer, are required to fill out the pre-trip travel form.

CBE has launched a new reimbursement system using UW Connect, this is a pilot. Only administrators are using it for now. The goal is that every UW employee will submit their own reimbursements via UW Connect. This is part of the UW Financial Transformation happening on July 1, 2023.

Chair Transition update

(Campbell) The Dean has decided to do an internal search to be complete ideally by May, this search will follow the process established for the Department of Architecture. The Chair Search Committee is Steve Bourassa.

I do not have information who will be part of the Chair Search Committee and I do not know the process.

In the next faculty meeting the Dean and Steve will present the chair search process. Tenure faculty is eligible to apply for the chair position.

Concerns:

- Chair governance - make sure faculty have a clear participation; select finalists
- A few faculty expressed a desire for an extended timeline
- Inquiry about how the decision was made about internal hired rather than external hire and the link to budgets in previous hire decisions.

Climate Change specialization/certificate discussion

(Bae) Presented ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability - program and a new membership with the college that she is leading. Christine invited others interested in the ICLEI tools for greenhouse gas calculations to contact her for more information.

(Campbell) Individuals interested on developing this idea can meet to go over questions raised such as what are the goals, how the classes look like, who is doing what? Towards developing a proposal.

H. Grover volunteer as coordinator for this discussion, J. Whittington and C. Bae will participate. Any other interested in participate connect with H. Grover.

(Abramson) More in favor on supporting a certificate rather than specialization.

(Campbell) The group will eventually investigate what goes into creating a certificate.

Approval Minutes:

Approve minutes from December 13, 2022 (closed) faculty meeting - **Approved**

Amendes suggested has been added.

Meeting Adjourned 1:26pm.