

Department Faculty Meeting

April 5, 2022

Noon – 1:20

Gould 102

Agenda items

12:00 - 12:15	Welcome to spring – Welcome guest	Campbell
12:15 - 12:30	Building updates	Campbell
12:30 - 12:45	Faculty hire updates	Campbell
12:45 - 1:00	Agenda for quarter	Campbell
1:00 - 1:20	Short topics	

Present

Rachel Berney, Christopher Campbell, Andrew Dannenberg, Himanshu Grover, Bob Mugerauer [arrived 12:50], Mark Purcell, Qing Shen, Alexis Wheeler, Jan Whittington

Faculty Leave Updates

Christine Bae is back from sabbatical. Manish Chalana and Branden Born are out on sabbatical. Himanshu is on partial leave and will be here working on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

COVID and Building Updates

Heat has been restored to Gould Hall.

Masks are no longer required but are highly recommended for at least the first two weeks of Spring Quarter. Faculty can ask students to wear masks in class and during office hours, but students cannot be penalized in any way for declining to wear a mask.

Nearly everyone in the UW community has submitted proof vaccination against COVID, but, with the Governor rolling back pandemic-related mandates, there is uncertainty regarding enforcement of vaccination requirements for the small percentage of community members who have yet to provide proof of vaccination.

CBE is returning to in-person operations this quarter, and faculty are not expected to accommodate requests for remote class participation, unless a student is sick or has another valid reason to request remote accommodation. Jan noted the UW Faculty Senate is reviewing the question of how requests for non-DRS accommodations should

be addressed by faculty (especially with regard to requests for remote or hybrid course options). Jan will share Faculty Senate updates on this issue at future UDP Faculty Council meetings.

Faculty Hire Updates

Closed discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24pm.