

Department Faculty Meeting

June 6, 2023

Noon – 1:20

In person: Gould 440

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Agenda items

12:00 – 12:10	Approval of Minutes	Campbell
12:10 – 12:40	Year in Review	Campbell
12:40 – 1:00	Additional business& announcements	Campbell et al
1:00 – 1:20	Passing the torch	Campbell

Attendance:

Faculty Present

1. Marina Alberti
 2. Dan Abramson
 3. Christine Bae (Zoom)
 4. Branden Born
 5. Christopher Campbell
 6. Manish Chalana
 7. Sofia Dermisi
 8. Himanshu Grover
 9. Keith Harris
 10. Qing Shen
- Dylan Stevenson
David Blum (Zoom)

Staff Present

1. Edith Olguin
2. Diana Siembor

Approval of Minutes:

Approve minutes from April 18, 2023 faculty meeting - **Approved**

Approve minutes from May 2, 2023 faculty meeting - **Approved**

Approve minutes from May 16, 2023 faculty meeting - **Approved**

Approve minutes from May 30, 2023 faculty meeting - **Approved**

Year in Review

- E. Olguin's first year in the Department.
- D. Stevenson's first year in the Department.
- K. Harris' hire as Assistant Teaching Professor.
- K. Chen's hire effective August 1, 2023.
- Reminder: there are two faculty for promotion (Grover and Chalana), this work will continue through next year.
- Q. Shen has been reappointed as Director of the PhD program.
- Some policies and practices in UDP have been updated.
- R. Berney's ends of her sabbatical.
- A new chair has been appointed!
- Spent time in courses revisions.
- C. Bae and D. Siembor represented the department in the Space study.
- This academic year the accreditation notification was received.
- Offices were painted after 20 years.
- HEFT sequence is done, thanks to M. Chalana and D. Abramson.
- New Capstone studio proposal under review.
- New Net Zero development studio taught by Rick and Robbie Sepler. This will continue next year.
- Developing a new climate resilience certificate or specialization.
- Study Abroad to Seoul is back led by C. Bae.
- K. Harris' study abroad in Paris this summer and relaunched the URBDP 370 class.
- New Advancement officer: Bernadette Bascom.
- Endowment established to support students in financial need.
- \$75,000 for undergraduate endowment student support.
- Raised \$25,000 in John Owen's celebration of life event.
- Professionals Councils lecturers in Winter and Spring
- The chair showed the most updated budget to faculty.
- Leave to next Chair: Merit review process and Workload policy.
- Exiting Chair recommends it is time for a strategic plan.
- It will be spaces changes but there is not detailed information yet.
- Final assessment from exiting chair; the department is in a very good place.

Additional Business and announcements

- PC End of the Year Celebration and Thesis Poster presentations Jun 7
- CBE Graduation Jun 9
- CEP Graduation Jun 10
- The WA State Legislation has awarded to UDP \$200,000.
- A faculty recommended to add to fall faculty meeting agenda: Thesis poster professional council, how faculty and student participation has gone down and it happens late, other departments have thesis reviews half way of Spring and it is mandatory.
- Faculty had conversation about hiring H. Pineo as Research Associate Professor, faculty agreed to proceed with an interview and job talk.

Passing the Torch

Celebration: new Chair B. Born