

Faculty Meeting Minutes

Urban Design and Planning

February 6, 2024

Noon - 1:20

In person: Gould 440

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Faculty Present

14. Dan Abramson
15. Christine Bae
16. Branden Born
17. Christopher Campbell
18. Karen Chen
19. Sofia Dermisi
20. Keith Harris
21. Helen Pineo - Zoom
22. Mark Purcell
23. Qing Shen
24. Dylan Stevenson
25. Jan Whittington
Marty Curry

Staff Present

3. Edith Olguin
4. Diana Siembor
5. Wendy Freitag

Approval of Minutes:

Approve amended minutes from January 23, 2024 faculty meeting - **Approved**

Amendment - adding a link suggested by faculty K. Chen

Note: Suggestion to add faculty to “suggesting” privileges on document to allow for additions to the minutes.

Wrap-up CBE tuition discussion:

- Addressing question about the fund flow for BE courses: pays salaries for TA support primarily. The excess goes back to the Dean’s office and back to the departments. The department receives a supplement from the college, this money is part of that.

College Council update:

- The Provost asked Deans every year to provide recommendations about tuition rate changes.
- Office of Planning and Budgeting concerns when looking at tuition changes over time.
- J. Whittington can send links to look at the data by request.
- CBE has a history of having more zero increases than other colleges, so our tuition is lower than most.
- One recommendation in this process is to look at peer institutions.
- The College Council surveyed the faculty to find out opinions for what peer institutions are by department.
- Results came just before the deadline for the Dean to submit recommendations to the Provost (Feb 1 each year). The College Council did not have time to do more analytics but provide the comments to the Dean.

- Next year the College Council will provide some analytical support to the Dean.
- CBE has two tiers, peer institutions have very different rates for each department.
- Having only 1 tier may be good for students but constrains the ability to set tuition in line with peer institutions by department.
- UDP is in the middle of most of its peer institutions, so annual increases of 3% to converge on a CBE-wide tuition would not likely hurt us. However, the other departments have different enrollments, and may have more international students than others for example, so UDP experience may not be universal.
- Question raised by a faculty member - Is data available about admitted students that do not come here? C. Campbell responded - graduate advisors should have a better sense of this but generally we don't know why they don't come.

Discussion and vote on curriculum change for one-credit courses

- UDP offers two one-credit classes: URBDP 480 Planning as a Profession and URBDP 514 Race, Gender and Social Justice Seminar.
- The practice over 8-10+ years is that these classes can be taken multiple times; registrar's office needed confirmation in Quali course management system, so department has twice applied and twice been denied by CBE Curriculum Committee for various reasons. A faculty vote would confirm for them our departmental interests (Born pointed out this was not something the CBE CC has authority to demand).
- URBDP 480 was resubmitted so that it can be taken up to 3 times for credit, allowing for students to spread their exposure to speakers in the profession over their two years, equaling one elective course.
- Motion - Make URBDP 514 available to be taken up to 3 times for credit. – **APPROVED.**

CBE Media training - canceled

Announcements:

- NEURUS vote is approved, the department will cover the costs of the UW VISIT program (the program they need to work through to get to UW) for up to two students annually, which could include NEURUS students or others unable to pay through their sending university.
- Joe Tovar communicated that there was a request from Senator Liz Lovelett (Anacortes) to put \$125,000 into the Senate budget for each university accredited planning program in the state for workforce development. Rep Gerry Pollett is moving for similar in the Legislature.
- Born suggested this might be a way to bring in short-term teaching resources. A faculty member suggested having departmental discussions about opportunities to use these funds.

Adjourned at 1:20pm