

Faculty Meeting Minutes

Urban Design and Planning

April 30, 2024

Noon - 1:20pm

In person: Gould 208J

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/96471410721>

Faculty Present

1. Dan Abramson
2. Marina Alberti - Zoom
3. Christine Bae
4. Rachel Berney
5. Branden Born
6. Christopher Campbell
7. Manish Chalana
8. Karen Chen
9. Keith Harris
10. Helen Pineo
11. Matt Purcell
12. Qing Shen
13. Dylan Stevenson
14. Jan Whittington
Robert Freitag

Staff Present

1. Edith Olguin
2. Diana Siembor

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from 4/16: **Approved**

Announcements:

- Resilience Hackathon had 65 attendees.
- YARS due on May 10th, 2024 to review on May 14th, 2024. New automated spreadsheet.
- The Graduate School has decided to move the PhD program back to the College, possible to the Department. This comes with challenges and opportunities. This PhD program is one of the oldest in the west coast. Professor Shen, Director of the PhD program indicated that this is not a decision yet but an initial plan.

Steve Hammer Presentation: the NY Climate Exchange

Steve Hammer is visiting the University of Washington and currently holds an Affiliate Instructor appointment with our department. He is presenting the Center for Climate Solutions project in New York City.

Slides can be provided upon request to editho@uw.edu.

Discussion on curriculum committee proposals: Data Science actions, Climate Certificate

Climate Certificate (Bae):

- A draft was shared with faculty members, this draft shows title alternatives, program description, objectives, requirements, existing courses in the department and information from other programs.
- Proposal: 15 credits needed. Core: 6 cr, elective: 6 cr, capstone: 3cr.
- Faculty suggested that this certificate can be offered UW wide and asked the committee to look for the deadlines for the certifications process.
- If there is enough information and it is considered a good idea, faculty will vote on it on June 4.
- Question about specialization and certification was raised, response: a MUP student can take it as a specialization within the degree but also as a certificate. External students take the certificate.
- C. Bae will ask all faculty about their classes and ideas by email.

Data Science (Alberti):

- M. Alberti and K. Chen are finishing a survey for faculty to provide quantitative and qualitative data.
- Questions can be directed to M. Alberti and K. Chen.
- The Data Science option is not a certificate but a framework that many departments are adopting.
- One decision to make: Data Science option at the department level or college level? Alberti offered to develop both options but decisions take a long time sometimes. Alberti suggests moving forward with the department level.
- A faculty member suggested that the UDP PhD Steering committee can provide a set of course listing. Faculty interested in this can provide more direct support in addition to the survey.
- The survey will ask what kind of pieces of Data Science are taught within classes.

Yearly Activity Reports (Harris):

- New spreadsheet was developed and presented to faculty by K. Harris based on J. Whittington's template, he will mail it to faculty. This is a try out for this year 2023-2024. Effective date May 1.

Union negotiations updates (Campbell):

- UW has agreed to increase the base rate over three years: 6% first year, 6% second year, 6% third year. The Union counter is %42.5 first year, 6% second year, 6% third year. More negotiations in the coming days, possible strike on June 1.

Good of the order: (Whittington) Reminder of All Faculty Meeting on May 8, 2024.

Adjourned 1:25pm