

Faculty Meeting Minutes

Urban Design and Planning

November 26, 2024

Noon - 1:20pm

In person: GLD 440

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

Faculty Present

1. Marina Alberti
2. Christine Bae - Zoom
3. Branden Born
4. Rachel Berney
5. Christopher Campbell
6. Karen Chen
7. Sofia Dermisi - Zoom
8. Keith Harris
9. Helen Pineo
10. Mark Purcell
11. Qing Shen
12. Dylan Stevenson
13. Jan Whittington

Staff Present

1. Edith Olguin
2. Diana Siembor

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from November 12, 2024: **Postponed for next faculty meeting**

Announcements:

- Thanksgiving! Enjoy a little break
- Holiday party potluck 12/10

Selection of peer schools for salary and tuition consideration:

After UDP faculty discussion this is the selected list to present to the Dean:

1. ULCA
2. UC Berkeley
3. UNC
4. Georgia Tech
5. Ohio State
6. Maryland
7. UT Austin
8. TAMU

Discussion of Urban Studies major proposal (K. Harris and R. Berney)

Slides can be consulted here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1XLgvu8mx2mbg0bbiqee-dl19BpXxuTuCF3lnrbaMsmA/edit#slide=id.p>

faculty comments:

(JW) Suggest a discussion about distribution of credit requirements and prerequisites. Also have a differentiation between BS vs BA.

(QS) Do not change the number of credits but suggest courses that they can take. Keep the same credits for both paths.

(JW) would like Urban Planning as a name.

(MA) Add a course about urban environments or similar.

(QS) Add a course related to economics.

(CC) These classes serve CEP students, will enrollment increase?

(BB) Enrollment will increase. It is possible that the teaching load will decrease to an average of 3 courses instead of 4 with the emphasis of taking one large undergraduate class. We could have similar or better ACH across the entire department. This is going to be a relocation of our work over time.

(JW) suggests convening a group to discuss the technical/methods courses.

(SD) Concerns about history/theory are 10 credits and technical are 7 credits, it is like going backwards. It should have more technical classes to be interesting to people looking for technical skills in a place like Seattle (Microsoft/Amazon). RE is attracting students by offering the same classes multiple quarters.

(JW) How low can enrollment be to not sustain the cost of running the program?

(CB) proposed US program looks very similar to UW-Tacoma's US program.

UDP's US program needs to differentiate with Tacoma's US program.

Questions, comments or concerns can be directed to the committee.

Adjourned 1:25pm.