

Faculty Meeting Minutes

Urban Design and Planning

October 29, 2024

Noon - 1:20pm

In person: GLD 440

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

Faculty Present

1. Marina Alberti
2. Christine Bae
3. Branden Born
4. Rachel Berney
5. Christopher Campbell
6. Sofia Dermisi
7. Keith Harris
8. Mark Purcell
9. Qing Shen
10. Dylan Stevenson
11. Jan Whittington
12. Robert Freitag

Staff Present

6. Edith Olguin
7. Diana Siembor
8. Leigh Eislee

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from October 1, 2024: **Next faculty meeting**

Announcements:

- Honor Roll event - successful event; it will be an annual event. Thank you to Marcomm for their support. It may become a fundraiser event.
- APA WA in Bellevue - the department paid registration for PSA members and MUPs, 17 students attended.
- ACSP is coming, and some UDP faculty will attend. Cancelling classes is appropriate if you'll be attending. The department will provide financial support to take a couple of meals with colleagues. Follow meals per diem.
- The department also paid for ACSP conference registration for any PhD students who want to attend. Student volunteers, mostly PhD but also some MUPs, will staff the department table. The department name will be on the volunteer t-shirt. The conference and associated symposium/reception are an opportunity to raise the department name on a national scale.
- The department is sponsoring a reception on Nov 7 at 6pm in Gould Court for labs to show their work.
- Miranda Redinger, Professionals Council member, is leading a ACSP tour to the Seattle Light Rail Station, she is taking up to 30 ACSP participants and one more group has opened up to take MUP students and PC members. Some schools have been invited to present as well.
- On Nov 6, the PhD program will present their annual symposium. Thank you to the department for supporting this event financially. Please participate.
- Update about PhD program transition. The Graduate School won't administer the program next summer. The Steering committee is preparing a transition plan. The PhD student committee formed ad-hoc committees to examine the passageways for the transitions. They focus on how to maintain the interdisciplinary and governance structure of the program and budget. The Steer Committee, the chair and the Dean are working with the Graduate School to smooth the transition. Estimation impact: the annual value of student support including five-first year funding and 1/3 of staff salary value over a

quarter million per year. We have to have the vote completed by the end of January. The core faculty of the PhD program will vote, if the vote supports the proposal, it will be either the department or college where the program will go.

Office of Students Services (C. Campbell and L. Eisele)

- Leigh Eisele is the medical health counselor at CBE.
- Elections are coming, this will be hard for some of the students.
- Two listening sections for students: Nov 6 from 12-1:30pm and Nov 7 from 1-3:30pm. Students that are upset refer them to these sessions. An email has been shared to students. No class cancellations.
- L. Eisele split time between CBE and iSchool. Tuesdays and Wednesdays in person at Gould Hall but available remotely the rest of the week. This is a new service in addition to the Counseling Center. Started last year. Learning about the programs, students, and culture. Also provide therapy and confidential consultations about school or not school related, no topic is off the table. Connect students with the Counseling Center. Also faculty can consult about having concerns with students.
- L. Eisele is not a crisis first responder.
- No provide mental health support for staff and faculty but can refer.
- Do not provide student personal information over email, set a time to meet to disclose the issue. You can refer students to Leigh.
- Leigh is learning about the departments to prepare for training.
- Any meetings between students and Leigh are confidential.
- This service information is included in the student orientation sessions.

Proposal and discussion of Climate Change Certificate

- Collective effort: M. Alberti, C. Bae, R. Freitag and H. Grover.
- Suggestion: have flexibility about wording on the title of courses.
- Classes for the certificate with a 598 number will need a permanent number.
- Motion. All in favor of the proposal (raise hand) - **Approved.**

Adjourned 1:20pm