

Faculty Meeting Minutes

Urban Design and Planning

January 7, 2025

Noon - 1:20pm

In person: GLD 208J

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

Faculty Present

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

Staff Present

1. Edith Olguin
2. Diana Siembor

Visitors:

1. Izabele Colusso
2. Maryam Fayyaz
3. Jie Su

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from November 12, 2024: **Approved**

Motion to approve minutes from November 26, 2024: **Approved**

Motion to approve minutes from December 10, 2024: **Approved**

Announcements and updates:

- Introductions:
 - Izabele Colusso, Visiting Scholar.
 - Maryam Fayyaz, PhD Student coming through the VISIT program, faculty sponsor Q. Shen
 - Jie Su, PhD student coming through the VISIT program, faculty sponsor M. Alberti.
- H. Grover departed January 6, this is earlier than anticipated. This change affects course assignments, hiring plans, and advising.
- Courses previously handled by H. Grover have been reassigned:
 - C. Bae will teach URBAN 300 Introduction to Urban Planning in Spring.
 - The Urban 501 Comprehensive Planning class will be covered by B. Born
- Discussion on aligning the Comprehensive Planning course with professional standards.
- Plan to involve professionals in course delivery for practical insights.
- Emphasis on clarifying the relevance of courses to students and improving communication about their long-term applicability.
- Missed the current hiring cycle for a tenure-track position but will plan for a strategic hire in the next cycle.
- Faculty encouraged to share potential candidates for an acting assistant position as an interim solution.
- Admissions process emphasized, with a reminder for faculty to complete their reviews promptly.

- S. Reeve-Parker, Program Operations Specialist of the PhD program is resigning, his early departure necessitates additional support for the PhD admissions process, with N. Graham assisting temporarily.

College council updates:

- The College has submitted a unit adjustment request to the Provost office.
- Invitation to participate in the survey will be resent. The Senate committee on planning and budgeting wants to understand faculty reactions to the proposal.
- Review of cases going up for a tenure and promotion for the five departments.
- Coming up is the conversation about tuition rates for graduate programs. Historically the college has the lowest rate across the University. More information will be shared.
- The Provost is also picking up that there should be a more robust governance of how revenues flow and how expenditure decisions are made.

Issues/Opportunities in current MUP curriculum: faculty input for the Curriculum Committee

- Review of course objectives and alignment with accreditation (PAB) requirements.
- Exploration of integrating modern topics like climate change and artificial intelligence into the curriculum.
- Discussion on potential restructuring of course classifications to simplify pathways for students.

Date and format for Strategic Plan retreat

- Plans to engage faculty in reviewing and updating the financial structure of the college.
- Proposal for a half-day retreat in February to outline strategic goals for the next 3-5 years.
 - Proposed date: February 21, 2025 noon to 4pm.
- Request for faculty to review past strategic plans and provide feedback on achieved goals and ongoing priorities.

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- Teri Randall has been selected as the new MIPM director, pending final contractual agreements.
- Visiting Scholar from Thailand will present work on community engagement strategies Friday Jan 10 at 12pm in GLD 102.
- Continued support for thesis students and collaboration opportunities in urban planning and related technologies.
- H. Pineo is part of the Faculty Senate. Add Senate updates in the agenda to provide updates.
- K. Harris reported misunderstandings from two students in an ASE position about the requirement of being in person at the start of the quarter, this will be reviewed.

Adjourned 1:22pm