

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Members present

Pramod Khosla, Edward Golenberg, Shelly Jo Kraft, Zachary Brewster, Fernando Charro, Yuson Jung, Victor Figueroa, Ty Partridge, Tom Killion, Aaron Rury, Eric Ash, Donovan Hohn, Catalina Kopetz, renee hoogland, Chuanzhu Fan.

Attending

Stephanie Hartwell, Caroline Brzuchowski, Jennifer Wareham, Lori Pile, Ed Cackett, Paul Clemens.

Absent with notice

Eric Kessell, Nicole Trujillo-Pagan, Nadejda Marinova.

Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m.

Pramod Khosla was re-elected as faculty council secretary.

The minutes of the May 9, 2024 meeting were approved.

Zachary Brewster, Chuanzhu Fan, Eric Kessell and Yuson Jung agreed to serve on the Curriculum Committee.

Lori Pile spoke of meeting with undergraduate directors to discuss course delivery formats and the balancing of student demand, faculty availability and course fill rates.

Ed Cackett spoke of changes to the required Ph.D. credits and of the upcoming Undergraduate Research Symposium, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 22.

Jenn Wareham noted that the new AAUP contract has been ratified and that CLAS anticipates 20 P&T cases this year versus 34 last year.

Zach Brewster asked how many TT lines had been approved for the upcoming year. The dean said that the college has received 4 approvals and will also be making more Mellon hires.

Yuson Jung asked what the priorities were for hiring. The dean mentioned enrollment and asked Paul Clemens to talk about the overall enrollment for fall 2024, which is up slightly versus fall 2023 for campus and down slightly versus fall 2023 for CLAS.

The dean said that the departmental budget meetings over the summer were excellent and that the departments trying new things are seeing results.

Yuson Jung asked which departments are getting the four hires. The dean noted that it is complicated at the moment with Mellon hires and other factors.

Zach Brewster asked why the Mellon hires seem to be moving so slowly. The dean said that the Graduate School dean is now in charge—and that the Mellon Foundation has to approve the hires. She added that the hires can only be in the Humanities and there may be a spousal hire as well, making the process take longer still.

The dean announced the new department chairs beginning this fall – Jaime Goodrich, Janine Lanza, Sarah Brownlee and Sean Gavin – and noted the hiring of a new senior director of development, Christina Devine.

The dean mentioned the Provost's upcoming visit to the college on Oct. 22 and the Year In Focus activities. She also said that chairs need to work on departmental Strategic Plans.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.