

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2024

Members present

Pramod Khosla, Eric Kessell, Nicole Trujillo-Pagan, Nadejda Marinova, Edward Golenberg, Zachary Brewster, Fernando Charro, Yuson Jung, Victor Figueroa, Ty Partridge, 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

Shelly Jo Kraft, Tom Killion.

Meeting

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

The minutes of the Sept. 5, 2024 meeting were approved.

Lori Pile spoke of a recent meeting with the Division of Research and Innovation on the topic of undergraduate research volunteers. She said that the university will be developing a form for UG lab research volunteers that will ensure that Department of Labor guidelines are being followed.

Ed Cackett spoke of the reduction in the minimum number of required Ph.D. credit hours, a change which will be formally approved at the Oct. 23 Board of Governors meeting. Given the anticipated number of changes to CLAS Ph.D. programs that will result, there was a motion to expand, for a limited time, the CLAS Curriculum Committee, which is currently at four members, to six in order to help expedite the anticipated number of changes. The motion passed.

Jenn Wareham noted that departmental P&T packets need to be put into SmartPath by Nov. 15.

Dean Hartwell said that CLAS will be getting four more tenure-track hires in addition to the Mellon and Pathway hires. She also noted the success of the college's grant writing seminars, with CLAS seeing increases in grant funding.

There was a wide-ranging discussion of faculty workload policies in light of the new contract.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.