

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 6, 2021

Members Present: Aaron Retish, Christopher Trentacosta, Charles Parrish, Fatih Celiker, Smiti Gupta, Ed Golenberg, Lara Jones, Leisa Kauffmann, Lori Pile, Lisa Ze Winters, Charles Klahm, Tom Killion, Eric Kessell, Victor Figuero, Yuson Jung

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Claudio Verani, Heather Dillaway, Ken Jackson, Caroline Brzuchowski, Stephen Chrismolis

Absent without Notice: Clayton Walker, Jeff Grynawiski

Absent with Notice: Zachary Brewster

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

The minutes of the April 1, 2021 meeting were approved.

Curriculum Matters:

- Anthropology MA program change proposal – voted and approved

Research Update:

- Claudio Verani gave updates on COVID positive numbers in Detroit. Small group gatherings are allowed as long as everyone is vaccinated. At this time, the University cannot mandate vaccinations.
- If you have lab equipment that needs repair we can now process these types of issues.
- Kathryn Wrench has left the college, and now Sonya Bell will be doing both pre and post award matters. The college asks for several days of advance notice for review of proposals to Sonya.
- Travel at this time will be determined on a case by case basis.
- No current updates regarding the HAIC (Claudio will check with them regarding the CLAS issues).

Report on Academic Senate (by Tom Killion):

A few resolutions were brought forward to the Academic Senate to recognize the Campus Health Center and all the good that they have provided during the pandemic. The curriculum committee brought forth a resolution on plagiarism and cheating and information on grade appeals. Lastly an addition was brought forth regarding the Wayne Experience course to add an ethics component to the course.

The new provost was introduced Mark Kornbluh from the University of Kentucky, and has a background in Modern American History. He discussed his support of the Public University, new technologies in education, WSU commitment to the research in Detroit. Also mentioned having the Academic Senate represented on the University Committees, (e.g. Strategic Planning and the DEI), and to follow the governance process per the charter of the Senate and the BoG Statutes.

It was mentioned that this fall term will have a combination of different approaches to teaching.

President Wilson mentioned that Lou Lessem, Vice President of the General Counsel and Matthew Seeger, Dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts will be leaving the university.

AAUP-AFT contract negotiations are going okay. There was discussion regarding the state funding to higher education publics, and about half of the Michigan public universities took a 15% budget cut including WSU, but the House revisited the budget and it was changed to 4%.

Dean's Report:

Community Outreach: Several chairs visited the Wright Museum to discuss the fellows program between CLAS and the museum with paid internships. We have made progress collaborating with the Detroit Public Library in collaboration with the Knight Foundation and Public History. Currently working on the MOU with the City of Detroit Public Health Department and The Henry Ford Museum.

TIDE proposals are due in June.

CLAS grant writing seminar was very successful.

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MARC grant proposal is being considered by the NIH for underrepresented students in the sciences and (STEM) for a two-year scholarship, and to work in the labs hoping to lead them to becoming biomedical researchers.

Updates from the Center for Latin and Latin American Studies mentioned a very successful and well-attended undergraduate conference and mentioned their upcoming Annual Banquet held in October.

Promotion and Tenure this year was successful for the college, so congratulate your colleagues.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am.