

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Members Present: Zachary Brewster, Avis Vidal, Bradley Smith, Victor Figueroa, Yuson Jung, Fatih Celiker, Lara Jones, Aaron Retish, Larry Lombard, Lisa Ze Winters, Edward Golenberg, Lori Pile, Christopher Trentacosta, John Klein, Karen Marrero, Smiti Gupta, Charles Klahm

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Heather Dillaway, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Ratna Naik, Claudio Verani, Ken Jackson, Caroline Maun, Jule Thomas

Absent with Notice: Charles Parrish

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

The minutes of the October 03, 2019 meeting were approved.

Caroline Maun and Jule Thomas spoke of the proposed name change of the Wayne State Writing, Research, and Technology Zone (WRT Zone) to the Wayne State Writing Center, as the center can no longer offer the research and technology support it once did. The proposal was approved.

Claudio Verani spoke of undergraduate research portfolios and noted that there would be more discussion of this topic with the department chairs going forward. He also spoke of the grant writing workshops that the college is running, with eleven Humanities and Social Sciences faculty participating. He said that the goal is to cultivate a research mindset in the college.

Ratna Naik spoke of mentoring for new faculty and noted that departments have processes in place for such mentoring. There were suggestions about how the university and the college might best help new faculty with the expectations regarding promotion and tenure.

Stephanie Hartwell said that forty faculty members have volunteered to serve on the college's diversity committee and that Caroline Brzuchowski is working to set up the first meeting.

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Hartwell also noted that the college will be reviewing centers and institutes. There were several volunteers to serve on a Faculty Council sub-committee to assist in such a review.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.