Minutes - draft
Faculty Meeting
Friday, May 17, 2019
1:30-3:30pm, PNK 212

Faculty Present: Dierwechter, Falit-Baiamonte, Harrington, Ishem, Kelley, Lund, Modarres, Pendras, Slager, Taufen, Thatcher, Yerena. Staff Present: Johnson, Schwarz, Wilson
Absent: Hoffman (present for vote)

1. Agenda – approved as written
2. Minutes – approved with changes
3. Directors Report & Announcements
   a. Ali received a memo from Jill about improving assessment and documentation of faculty performance. A portion of the faculty retreat will focus on developing policies on the following: teaching evaluations, frequency of annual review and rubric peer reviews. Ali will share more before the retreat.
   b. Student awards dinner is next week, Wednesday at 5:00pm
   c. No new news on the budget. Ali will let everyone know as soon as he receives more detailed information.
   d. George Galster cannot make it this quarter. We are looking at dates in October.
   e. Moscow City University is interested in collaborating with UW Tacoma’s Education Program and having some sort of curricular interaction with Urban Studies. If there are further developments, Ali will seek faculty input.
   f. Bara Safarova’s start date has been postponed to January 2020 with a start date of winter quarter.
4. Faculty vote to accept the language change of ‘Additional Merit’ on the Merit Review and Voting Process
   Voting faculty present (11) Ishem, Modarres, Yerena, Pendras, Thatcher, Slager, Falit-Baiamonte, Kelley, Lund, Taufen, Harrington, Dierwechter, Hoffman
   Eligible to vote: 12* Vote results: Yes = 12, No = 0, Absent = 0, Abstain = 0
5. Resisting Displacement and Dispossession conference on June 21st, 2019
   a. Anaid shared details about the conference. Discussion took place.
6. Future policy and process of Urban Studies sponsored events
   a. Future opportunities for partnerships and sponsorship will be brought up by the interested faculty at a faculty meeting and then taken to the Director for further discussion and approval.
   b. Jim informed faculty of the North American Cartographic Information Society conference on October 17 – 19th. If anyone would like to participate please contact Jim.
7. Student Awards presentation assignments
a. Ali recommended Rhasean Stephens for the Catalyst Award
b. Induction of Epsilon Sigma members will take place during the ceremony.

8. Committees
   a. Curriculum Committee
      i. JW distributed the updated SLO's worksheet for all required undergrad major courses.
      ii. Faculty reviewed the document, made notes, and asked questions.
   b. Governance – Council and standing committee selection
      i. Yonn, Emma, and JW will work on how the selection process will be structured at the retreat.
   c. MA Committee – no update
   d. MS Committee – Reminder that Rina Ghose is speaking at the Annual Brian Coffey Talk on May 30th 5:30pm in JOY 215
   e. Campus committee report
      i. Draft Academic Plan was sent out. Please send Mark feedback or complete the feedback Catalyst survey.
      ii. Steering Committee on Tri-Campus Relationship – Mark will send the DRAFT for discussion in May 6th, 2019 Executive Council Meeting.

9. Other
   a. Ali submitted a proposal to the new Journal of Race Ethnicity and the City. He was informed by the Urban Affairs Association that UWT’s proposal was selected by their board. Yasminah Beebeejaun (UCL) and Ali will serve as the founding editors of the journal, which will be published by Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

10. Executive Session occurred