

Department of Dance Faculty Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2019 ~ 11:15 pm - 12:45 pm

Meany Hall M-102

MINUTES

In attendance: Hannah Wiley, Juliet McMains, Rachael Lincoln, Alethea Alexander, Jenifer Moreland, Brian Lawson, Paul Moore, Peter Bracilano

Absent: Jennifer Salk (sabbatical)

Faculty Updates/Announcements

Peter announced that he's going to Chicago to put up a new show for Teatro ZinZanni.

Alethea is going to see Adele in TX. Brian Lawson will teach the Cunningham unit in her class.

Alethea and Adele will perform the piece they've been working on at UWDP.

Erin Johnson, an alum of the Dance department, has been named the Artistic Director of Velocity.

Rachael has received a Mellon Faculty Fellow award.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The approval of minutes of the May 9, May 23 and June 12th faculty meetings have been postponed to a later meeting.

Director's Report

Nothing to report.

Faculty Topics

- **Faculty vote to give delegated authority to give the Chair hiring authority for PT Lecturers (Lincoln)**
Faculty voted unanimously to give the Chair delegated authority to hire Part Time Lecturers for the 2018-19 Academic Year
- **Discussion about future steps regarding retreat notes and exit surveys (Lincoln)**
Faculty discussed when next steps should take place. They agreed that discussion could take the bulk of the agenda for the October 3rd faculty meeting.

The two key things to discuss are:

1. The exit surveys – Are there department weaknesses to address? Kelly will re-send the surveys to faculty
2. MFA surveys – Jen Moreland will circulate these to faculty by Friday, September 27th.

Regarding the vision and mission statements, faculty agreed that wordsmithing takes time. Juliet, Alethea and Rachael will meet as a subcommittee and have a draft for faculty to discuss at the faculty meeting on October 17th

- **Policy about alums & PT staff taking classes (Lincoln)**

Faculty discussed alums taking class. Hannah proposed that anyone who has a paid relationship with the department can have access to class. This would include anyone on payroll and independent contractors that have an ongoing relationship with the department. Faculty agreed with this proposal.

Faculty agreed that alums should not be allowed to attend class unless they are offering a service of some kind. Even in that instance, they are limited to three classes in a quarter.

Partners of full-time faculty and MFA students are allowed to take class as long as the class isn't full.

Because of ABB, auditing a class is not allowed unless it is a full-time faculty member from another department.

Any guest is allowed at the discretion of instructor.

- **Faculty trainings for this year/Jabali's proposal (Lincoln)**

Jabali Stewart has submitted a proposal to conduct healing circles for faculty, staff & students. Jabali holds a PhD in ethnomusicology and has worked broadly in the area of intercultural communication and conflict resolution.

Faculty discussed broader themes than Jabali's proposal. Specifically, if the department is committed to hold town halls, who's hosting, how do we decide dates?

Alethea reported that the Diversity committee is being tasked with organizing, scheduling and outreach. Two town halls per quarter will be funded by the seed grant - organized by diversity committee.

Faculty discussed hosting a town hall that is not specifically related to diversity, but more of a social hour. For fall quarter, this would be the welcome party on October 4th. We could do something less formal for winter and spring quarters.

Juliet noted that for the Diversity focused town halls, we should keep in mind that as more people attend events, less is accomplished. Maybe there should be some smaller group events?

Faculty discussed some additional names for faculty training including Robin D'Angelo, Tillman Smith and Ijoma Oluo. Rachael will reach out to Jabail and Alethea will reach out to Ijeoma.

Kelly reminded faculty that there will be an all university Climate survey sent out to faculty, staff and students in October. Faculty agreed that it would be great to organize a "survey party" for students sometime after CDC. It was suggested that faculty organize one from 11:50am-12:40pm and that the Arts Diversity Council and DSA each host one.

- **Faculty meeting invitations and minutes distribution (Lincoln/Moreland)**

Faculty discussed meeting invitations and how agendas and minutes get distributed. Faculty meeting agendas will be sent to everyone on the dance listserv as soon as they are set. When decisions are made in meetings, each full-time faculty member will be responsible for

disseminating the information to the part-time faculty they are mentoring. The chair will make announcements of big decisions.

Jen Moreland will check with marketing/IT to set up intranet to put the agendas/minutes online so they can be accessed in a central location by Dance faculty once finalized. Until this is set up, copies of faculty meeting minutes can be requested once they are approved.

Faculty discussed the meeting schedule for the remainder of the quarter. The remaining faculty meetings scheduled are:

Thursday, October 3, 2019	12:30-1:30pm	Meany Hall M-102
Thursday, October 17, 2019	12:30-1:30pm	Meany Hall M-102
Thursday, October 24, 2019	12:30-1:30pm	Meany Hall M-102
Tuesday, October 29, 2019	12:30-1:30pm	Meany Hall M-102
Thursday, November 7, 2019	12:30-1:30pm	Meany Hall M-102
Tuesday, November 12, 2019	12:30-1:30pm	Meany Hall M-102
Thursday, November 21, 2019	12:30-1:30pm	Meany Hall M-102
Monday, December 9, 2019	10:00am-1:00pm	Meany Hall Studio 266

Departmental Updates/Announcements

Nothing to report.

Agenda Items for future meetings

- Concert attendance policy – Oct. 3rd