

Department of Dance Faculty Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2020
12:30–1:30 pm

Via Zoom: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/268912394>
Meeting ID: 268 912 394

MINUTES

In attendance: Paul Moore, Jenifer Moreland, Rachael Lincoln, Peter Bracilano, Jennifer Salk, Alana Isiguen, Kelly Canaday, Rujeko Dumbutshena, Lucie Baker, Juliet McMains, Alethea Alexander, Hannah Wiley

Faculty Updates/Announcements

Faculty and staff introduced themselves to the two incoming faculty members Rujeko and Alana.

Chair's Report

Jen reported that the Arts Chairs meeting will be held following the dance faculty meeting. There will be an email sent on Friday that will include links to resources regarding protocols for re-opening campus. All guidelines will Parallel the Governor's four phases of reopening for the state. All phases will involve social distancing of some sort. We will be discussing the process of how to function as a department moving forward and what impacts that will have in terms of our spaces for the future.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the April 30, 2020 faculty meeting were approved as written.

Faculty Topics

- Jones Endowment (Salk)
Faculty discussed potential projects for the next round of Jones endowment funding. We'll be asking for \$30,000 with this proposal. Some suggestions that came from the discussion included:

Rachael: always has the desire to collaborate with other departments, especially in comp classes. She is specifically interested in working with Jeffrey Frace from School of Drama, with a comp 3/acting-directing collaborative class and Michael Swaine a ceramicist from Art + Art History + Design She'd be interested in formalizing the collaboration between dance, drama and art. She envisions asking for salary release for one or all of the collaborating instructors.

Juliet: would like to hold her social dance teaching lab that she had to cancel, but is mindful that social dancing will likely be the last thing to come back once the stay at home order is lifted. She'd love to support local non-profits and partner with Century Ballroom or Ben White's Syncopation Foundation. Ben could teach one quarter as part of bigger collaboration

Rujeko: would like to collaborate with the Zimbabwean Music Festival in the future. It is a local nonprofit that supports musicians from Zimbabwe.

Alana: would be interested in working across campus. Working with Anthropology or other non-arts units is something she's like to do. She needs to do more research on what is available across campus.

Rachael: is interested in dance media collaboration. She has a collaborator and friend who teaches dance media at Tisch, who had guested in her comp class. There could be a collaborative opportunity to work with Mitchell Rose or someone who works with this format.

Juliet suggested including some student support in the proposal. Jen suggested a mentorship program for DMC students – matching students with people from the community. This would require low administrative commitment. It would be more about making connections. We could provide a list of possible mentors. A student finds a mentor and we pay an honorarium.

Alethea suggested that Hilary Grumman could be a great collaborator. She's currently working with Undercurrent and could be a great artist in the community to connect with.

Lucie: would be interested in fleshing out her thesis work, collaborating with School of Forest Management and CHID. She's also interested in working with Audrey Desjardins from Art + Art History + Design, about embodied creativity between dance and design.

The Jones proposal is due June 1st. Please email proposals to Jen Salk by May 18th.

- **Added: Fall Quarter**
Juliet reported that we are capping enrollment for all technique classes at 15 students for Fall quarter. She will also be cancelling her tango class. Kelly reported that she will be limiting period one registration to dance majors.
- **Added: CAS newsletter.**
Information for the College's upcoming newsletter was sent to Nancy. She was excited and grateful for the suggestions.
- **Scholarships (Salk)**
Faculty finalized the scholarship awards for 2020-21. A discussion began about how to award these to students. Faculty are interested in an end of quarter gathering or showing. Further discussion will take place at the next faculty meeting.

Departmental Updates/Announcements

Nothing to report.

Agenda Items for future meetings

Nothing to report.