Department of Dance All Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2020  ~  12:30 pm - 1:20 pm

Zoom:
https://washington.zoom.us/j/96995225936?pwd=SndXTzc3ExZFNvTDNvL2sxVlTTQ09
Meeting ID: 969 9522 5936
Passcode: 914778

In attendance: Christina Sunardi, Peter Bracilano, Rujeko Dumbutshena, Jordan Fell, Rachael Lincoln, Jennifer Salk, Juliet McMains, Hannah Wiley, Alana Isiguen, 3 students

Faculty Updates/Announcements

• Christina reminded everyone of COVID-19 protocols, including attestations of health on WorkDay before coming to campus, face covering requirements, physical distancing requirements, cleaning protocols, and staying home if sick, showing symptoms of COVID-19, or testing positive for COVID-19

• Christina asked instructors to remind their students of COVID-19 protocols, and to remind students that the lower level lounge area in Meany is closed to students

Approval of Meeting Minutes

• Voting faculty approved minutes from 10/15 faculty meeting
  o 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Chair’s Report

• Update on administrator search
  o Christina updated that first round interviews have been going well; plan to have second round interviews next week (week of 10/26) and invite faculty and staff participation

Faculty Topics

• Department of Dance concert planning
  o Christina turns over to Alana, Artistic Director for UW Dance Presents and Dance Majors Concert
• Faculty agree on the need to be fiscally conservative with production expenses due to impacts of COVID-19

• Faculty agree that rather than having the digital concerts be ticketed will have a means for viewers to make suggested donations – have a button that viewers can click on to make a donation

• Faculty discuss videography and editing
  • Who to hire
  • Time for editing
  • Perhaps more realistic to have the digital evening of UW Dance Presents in February

• Faculty ask students about student interest in Dance Majors Concert and MFA Concert
  • Undergraduate students are looking to what faculty do for UW Dance Presents as a guide for the Dance Majors Concert; need more guidance on creating dance films
    • Dance composition class in Winter 2021 will focus on dance film
  • For MFA concert, graduate students are leaning towards low-budget productions so could save money for next year
    • Was a question about whether making work is required
    • Faculty clarified that is required for the 1st year MFAs, encouraged for the 2nd years

• Alana still waiting to hear back from EH&S and Sarah Wilke about rehearsal protocols in the studios and filming on the Meany main stage
  • Might be the same as what are seeing for the technique classes, but will follow up when hears back from EH&S and from Sarah
  • Might impact whether or not choreographers want to film on Meany main stage

• Faculty discuss guest artists who will choreograph for UW Dance Presents, one of whom will also give 2 master classes in Alana’s jazz class this quarter

• Faculty discuss what equipment is available for students to use
  • Students can check out equipment from campus
  • Encourage students to be creative with that they have, e.g. can do a lot with iPhones

• Faculty decide that for UW Dance Presents, will not be filming in Meany in December
  • Jen wants to confirm with her collaborator before releasing the December dates
Discussion returns to budgets and funds, particularly use of available funds for filming and editing for *UW Dance Presents*, Dance Majors Concert, and MFA Concert

For MFA concert, grad students encouraged to choreograph on undergraduates because provides a great experience for the undergraduates; graduates can also choreograph on themselves (create solos) if want to

Discussion of costuming planning
- Send cast lists to costumer when know, with contact information
- Costumer plans to make a video to walk through the process of taking measurements

Discussion of timeline, particularly in terms of undergraduate students’ rehearsal schedules between *UW Dance Presents* and Dance Majors Concert
- Alana will work to have more information to students regarding DMC planning by the end of next week
- Alana will work on locating editor(s) and videographer(s) for *UW Dance Presents*, although choreographers welcome to use their own contacts if prefer

The matter of who is the Artistic Director for the MFA Concert has not yet been decided; is still up for discussion

**Departmental Updates/Announcements**
- No further updates or announcements

**Agenda Items for Future Meetings**
- Canceling 10/29 meeting; items below will be for a November meeting
  - Setting up an alumni network
  - 2021 faculty meeting schedule
  - Retention policy