Department of Dance All Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 5, 2020 ~ 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm

Zoom: https://washington.zoom.us/j/96995225936?pwd=SndXTzZCc3ExZFNxTDNvL2sxVllTQT09
Meeting ID: 969 9522 5936
Passcode: 914778

In attendance: Christina Sunardi, Peter Bracilano, Kelly Canaday, Juliet McMains, Hannah Wiley, Rujeko Dumbutshena, Jennifer Salk, Alana Isiguen, student

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

• Approval of minutes from 10/22 faculty meeting
  o 5 yes, 0 no (1 faculty member not present)

Chair’s Report

• Update on administrator search
  o Dan Dembiczak has accepted our offer; will start on Monday, November 16th

Faculty Topics

• 2021 faculty meeting schedule
  o Faculty discussed 2021 meeting schedule; Christina will submit the schedule to the Office of Public records next week

• Sabbatical planning for 2021-2022 academic year
  o Faculty discussed faculty’s sabbatical plans for 2021-22 and also 2022-23

• Retention policy
  o Faculty reviewed retention policy and agreed to vote by email so that the faculty member not able to attend today could also participate in the voting
o Christina will follow up to conduct an email vote

- Setting up an alumni network
  o Discussion led by Juliet
    - From discussions with undergraduates over the summer, are many alumni who are interested in giving back to the Department of Dance
    - Faculty discussed ways might set up an alumni network
    - Was agreement that it should be spearheaded by the alumni, and have a faculty member be an advisor
    - Suggestion to start by having Lisa work on pulling together lists of alumni and creating a Department of Dance alumni profile on LinkedIn or other social media platform; Kelly can also pull lists of people who have graduated and will see how far back she can go
    - Rujeko is happy to work more on this with Juliet next quarter

**Departmental Updates/Announcements**

- Were some questions from students regarding the Dance Majors Concert (DMC), which Alana, as Artistic Director of DMC, posed to the faculty
  1) What is the Department of Dance policy in terms of using non-UW students for DMC, especially in this time when work is being created digitally?
    - Faculty clarified that the policy has been that only UW students can dance in DMC – to give UW students opportunities
    - Was discussion of pro and cons of maintaining this policy this year
    - Alana will follow up with core faculty via email
  2) Do the students have access to the Costume Shop?
    - Jen explained that there is funding in the budget for Jordan Fell to be a liaison; Jordan can help advise the students and draw from the stock in the Costume Shop
  3) Most of the students do not have a lot of experience with film
    - Will be guests coming to the Dance Composition class this fall, but might not be able to open the class to students not in the class
    - Discussion of having another master class on filming for dance for other students
    - Down the line could there be mentors for this?
Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Department of Dance Hiring/Five Year Plan
- Report from the Department of Dance Curriculum Committee
- Discussion of the MFA program (may save for a Winter Quarter meeting)