

Department of Dance Special Meeting/All Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Meany Hall Room M-102

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Present: Jen Salk, Rachael Lincoln, Mónica Rojas-Stewart, Chris Hallock, Christina Sunardi, Juliet McMains, Doris Black, Davianna Griffin, Alana Isiguen, Vikas Arun

- Welcome and Announcements from the Chair
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - October 9, 2025 faculty meeting
 - Passed by voice vote (1 registered abstain; in effect 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain)
- Chair's Report
 - Campus-wide Compliance Review (Autumn 2025-Winter 2026)
 - Unit-level reviews of updated checklists to support the University's wholehearted commitment to access and opportunity for all in compliance with long-standing state and federal law
 - Via UW Compliance and Risk Services
 - At the direction of UW leadership and legal counsel
 - Many thanks to faculty and staff who are helping to review our departmental materials
 - Campus-wide Curriculum Review (Winter 2026-early Winter 2027)
 - Part of UW's preparation for an upcoming accreditation review
 - Many thanks to faculty and staff who are helping with this review as well
 - Performing arts cohort new administrative structure
 - Christina shares update
 - Scheduling for 2026-2027
 - Christina shares some updates about some colleagues' plans to help with rest of Dance faculty's discussion
 - Small Jones Grants is a go

- Large Jones faculty grant – planning for a January deadline
- Faculty Topics
 - Low Fly course number – Dance 376 okay?
 - Dance faculty approve, vote:
 - 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 - Use of Jones funds for MST rigging check and/or to purchase some lights?
 - Faculty discussion ensues
 - Christina needs to provide firmer figures on the rigging check and lights
 - Suggestion for future – performing arts units come together with Meany to revamp Meany Studio Theatre; including making it a more flexible space in terms of seating, and get new seats; use Jones funding
 - Faculty also want to remove bars from Studio 266 – use Jones funding for this?
 - Portable washing machine to use for shows when the washing machine in Meany is not available?
 - Faculty approve, and since this is to advance student and faculty work, can draw from Friends of Dance for this
 - Doris can follow up with Christina
 - DMC (Dance Majors Concert) eligibility requirements to choreograph – change?
 - Faculty discuss, decide to leave as is
 - Dance artist in residence funds update/discussion (Jen, Rachael, Juliet)
 - Classes are going great this quarter, students very engaged, great learners
 - Will do two showings, 5:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4th, Studio 267
 - Looking ahead: What are we prioritizing with this money?
 - Performance opportunities for students
 - Bringing teachers that foster growth in students
 - Emphasis on street styles and funk forms; students asking for more street styles
 - Looking ahead thinking about local guests – perhaps someone to choreograph for UWDP 2027?
 - National artist or group? Need to book ahead
- Departmental Updates and Announcements
 - Summer scholarship call is in progress

- Develop a summer study abroad scholarship?
 - Faculty in support of this
- Back to sound proofing studios – is a need as well
- Agenda Items for Future Meetings
 - B.A. Revision proposal (Nov. 20th meeting)
 - Spring 2026 course planning (Nov. 20th meeting) – Executive Session since will be personnel items