

## Department of Dance Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Meany Hall Room M-102

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Present: Mónica Rojas-Stewart, Gwen Cubbage, Jennifer Salk, Paul Moore, Juliet McMains, Christopher Hallock, Christina Sunardi, Rachael Lincoln, Alana Isiguen, Davianna Griffin

- Welcome and Announcements from the Chair
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - From November 20, 2025 faculty meeting [did not vote; save for future meeting]
- Chair's Report
  - Christina provides updates on performing arts cohort administrative staff
    - HR Manager and Finance Analyst have been hired and will start at the end of January and early February
    - Interviews for AA3s and AA3 Supervisor to begin the week of January 19th
    - We will continue to have temporary office and administrative support to Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Christina provides update on Dance faculty colleague
  - Barre removal in Studio 266
    - Christina provides estimates from Facilities, many thanks to Chris for getting
    - Estimate from December 2025: **\$9,434** to remove from 3 walls in Studio 266 (leave barre on window wall)
      - Includes removal of the barres, patching the holes and painting to stopping point at top of white board
      - If removed from 2 walls instead of 3, estimate is **\$7,250**

- Dance faculty would like to explore the possibility of making one wall in Studio 266 a usable wall—that is, to make flush so can do work against it—no barre, no sound panels
  - Chris can look into getting an estimate for that for faculty to consider
  - Can keep the barre removal estimate for reference
- Symposium or speaker series funds from the College to use 2025-2026 (could be Autumn 2026)
  - Purpose is to engage dance faculty and other arts faculty in conversation about the Department of Dance's path forward
  - Subcommittee to think about how to use?
    - Juliet and Mónica volunteer
- Departmental Jones funds update
  - Department of Dance can now manage the funds – don't need to submit proposals
    - Still have funds to use by June 30, 2026
    - Rachael and Jen volunteer to serve on a subcommittee to propose ideas
  - Division Dean for the Arts is still determining amounts we will be allocated for next year (2026-2027)
- Faculty Topics
  - Create committee to develop clearer selection criteria for:
    - Helene Tsutsumoto Yorozu and Arthur S. Yorozu Endowed Fellowship in Dance
    - Dance Graduate Student Support Endowment
    - Department of Dance Fellowship Fund
    - Alana and Mónica will serve
  - Recommendations from Dance Curriculum Committee on courses to be retired and to be cloaked in course catalogue
    - Faculty discuss the recommendations from the Dance Curriculum Committee
    - Faculty vote, and the recommendations pass
      - 5 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
  - Dance students perform at Mirabella Retirement Community in South Lake Union? Can anyone serve as a contact for this?
    - Ask a student organization; would be a great opportunity for a student organization

- Departmental Updates and Announcements
  - Grad Lab opening night on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - exciting!
- Agenda Items for Future Meetings
  - Use of Dance Jones funds for FY26
  - Website updates