Department of Dance All Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 14, 2021 ~ 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm

Zoom:

https://washington.zoom.us/j/97181887287?pwd=Tm1SZHdndUt3WjUzSzQvd3VOTUtwZz09
Meeting ID: 971 8188 7287
Passcode: 746901

Present: Christina Sunardi, Jen Salk, Dan Dembiczak, Peter Bracilano, Alana Isiguen, Student, Kelly Canaday, Paul Moore, Hannah Wiley, Rujeko Dumbutshena, Juliet McMains, Ben White, Rachael Lincoln

• Faculty Updates/Announcements
  o Welcome to new undergraduate faculty liaison for this quarter!
  o Reminder of COVID-19 protocols
  o Student tested positive on January 4th. So far no other known positive cases in the department/building. Student is recovering well.

• Approval of Meeting Minutes
  o Approval of minutes from 12/03 faculty meeting
  o Motion to approve and seconded by faculty members.
  o 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

• Chair’s Report
  o COVID update – Projections from IHME: likely will see a difficult month to six weeks due to holiday/travel. WA State is doing much better than other places (like Los Angeles). Predicted slow-down in April and a slow summer.
    • Spring quarter may have more in-person activity, but classes will mostly look like Winter quarter in terms of online vs. in-person.
  o Plan is to be largely in-person for Autumn quarter, depending on efficacy and distribution of vaccine. Might not be able to have large lecture courses meet in-person with all students present at once; may have to take a hybrid approach.
  o Not known yet if UW professors will be in the same category for vaccination as K-12 teachers.
  o A&S Dean’s search update: Search timeline pushed back. Airport interviews in March. Finalists to visit campus in May/early June, with final selection in mid-June. Bob Stacey will stay until September 1st to help with transition
  o UW in good shape financially, but we may not be able to have merit increases.
    • Unable to increase tuition or get more money from the state while costs increase.
    • Minimized need for furloughs or layoffs.
  o Reminders:
    • For personal services, we cannot offer reimbursements. Please go through the department for these types of expenses.
• Take care of yourself during these times.

• Faculty Topics
  o Report from the Dance Tenure and Promotion Guidelines Committee (Jen and Hannah)
  o Goal is to make these guidelines transparent and equitable.
  o Jen and Hannah presented a draft, which the faculty discussed
  o Plan to revise and send a revised version to faculty for more feedback before sending to Divisional Dean of the Arts

• Departmental Updates/Announcements
  o Social media project in celebration of Black History Month
    • Discussed idea from staff to use our social media platform to showcase a Black dance artist in the Greater Seattle area every month to reflect that the celebration of Black culture and people should be ongoing.
    • Is a Google document that can be viewed and edited
      • Feedback welcome
    • A discussion of this project ensued
    • Faculty expressed support of the project

• Agenda Items for Future Meetings
  o Dance Diversity Committee update at next faculty meeting on 1/28/21
  o On 1/21/21 there will be a planning meeting re: BA revision (Technique classes)