

## Department of Dance All Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2025 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

### Meany Hall Room M-102

Zoom option:

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Present: Juliet McMains, Alana Isiguen, Jennifer Salk, Rachael Lincoln, Catherine Cole, Monica Rojas-Stewart, Christina Sunardi, Katie Daugherty, Davianna Griffin

- Welcome and Announcements from the Chair
  - Christina welcomed the faculty and staff to the meeting and introduced Davianna Griffin, the new Department of Dance Student Services Manager
  - Christina announces recent generous gifts from donors, thanking Jen for her work in particular with a donor over the years who made a generous gift to support the Artist in Residence Program
    - Asks faculty to starting thinking about how might like to use this gift, will discuss at a future meeting
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - From November 14, 2024 faculty meeting
  - From November 21, 2024 faculty meeting
  - Motion made and seconded to approve both the 11/14 and 11/21 minutes as a block; minutes approved by voice vote
- Chair's Report
- Faculty Topics
  - Department Bylaws
    - Christina asks the faculty a few questions from the bylaws draft she is working on; clarifies that is not asking for a vote today, but asking what faculty would like to put into the draft bylaws for now; will be voted on at a later date when a final version is ready

### Question 1

- Regarding departmental policies and practices - will the department use majority or plurality voting?
  - Plurality – whichever has the most votes (even if not necessarily the majority)
  - Majority – only passes or is selected if has more than 50% of the votes:
- Following discussion, faculty consensus that will use majority voting

### Question 2

- Christina is suggesting that if the department chair needs to be absent for a departmental meeting, the chair may assign another faculty member in Dance to run the faculty meeting. If the current department chair is unable to identify a colleague to preside over the meeting prior to the meeting, as in an emergency situation, the current Graduate Program Coordinator will run the meeting.
  - Christina asks if faculty agree
  - Discussion ensues, faculty consensus is yes

### Question 3

- Regarding the question of how many voting members need to be present at a meeting, Christina is suggesting:

While it is not a requirement for voting members to be present at a departmental meeting for the meeting to occur, a minimum of a quorum of currently eligible voting faculty must be present in order to take a vote. A quorum is a majority (at least 51%) of the currently eligible voting faculty.

- Christina asks if faculty agree and if the 51% as quorum is okay
- Discussion ensues, faculty agree

**Question 4** - How will proposals to amend the bylaws be decided? (e.g., by majority vote, etc.)

- Christina asks what the faculty thinks: Majority? Plurality if more than two proposals per a particular amendment?
- Discussion ensues, faculty consensus is for majority (at least 51%) of the vote

### ○ Department Tenure and Promotion Guidelines

- Christina asks if Christina should add some language recognizing the ongoing relationships with collaborators that can be a factor of researcher time when doing community-engaged research as per feedback from the Divisional

Dean of the Arts in December, or would the ad hoc committee like to propose some language

- The ad hoc committee agrees that Christina can propose some language
  - Christina will do this and then circulate the guidelines for faculty input
- Christina checks in on Dance 510 changes and implications for MFA degree
    - Alana and Rachael will work on proposing revisions to the Dance 510 course title and course description
    - Christina will follow up with Emily and Davianna about changing the MFA requirements, making Dance 510 twelve credits instead of sixteen, and replacing the four credits with dance studies coursework
    - Juliet will work on creating 500-level course numbers for dance studies courses that will be offered this coming fall for graduate students to enroll in
- Departmental Updates and Announcements
    - Juliet makes an announcement that the UW Dance Presents Concert is opening on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and is a reception the evening of January 17<sup>th</sup>; if need comp tickets, let Juliet know
  - Agenda Items for Future Meetings
    - DMC choreography requirement petition process
    - ACDA renewal? (Jen)
    - Department Bylaws
    - Tenure and Promotion Guidelines revision
    - Removing bars in studio
    - Ongoing discussion of Dance 510 changes/MFA revision
    - Artist in Residence Program gift – how would we like to use

Adjourned to executive session for voting faculty at 1:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel item and for graduate faculty (who are the same as the voting faculty in the Department of Dance) to discuss an emergent time-sensitive graduate student matter

The Executive Session concluded at approximately 1:30