

Department of Dance Faculty Meeting

Thursday, October 29, 2019 ~ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Meany Hall M-102

MINUTES

In attendance: Hannah Wiley, Rachael Lincoln, Brian Lawson, Alethea Alexander, Juliet McMains, Peter Bracilano, Lucie Baker

Absent: Paul Moore, Jennifer Salk (sabbatical)

Faculty Updates/Announcements

Alethea recently went to Texas to work on piece of choreography with Adele Nickel. They are using props as extensions of the body and humanity.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Nothing to report.

Chair's Report

Nothing to report

Faculty Topics

- MFA survey follow-up (McMains)
Juliet spoke to Kitty over the phone and went over the questions on the MFA Survey that pertained to Dance Administration. She was open to all feedback. Some suggestions students made for topics they wanted addressed didn't seem appropriate for the goals of our graduate program (like tenure files and budgeting) or would be better addressed in Teaching Methods. Kitty can address content to include when designing websites, but maybe bring in a guest to speak about design. Alethea introduces students to website design in Career Explorations and offered to do be available to also share knowledge on website design with students in Dance Administration. Juliet will communicate with Kitty on this issue.

Faculty discussed that department cameras are out of date. Grads can get better video filming with their phones. Hannah suggested the department buy a tripod that works for phones.

Juliet will help update Graduate Teaching Methods. Juliet, Rachael and Hannah need to meet to work on syllabus for Teaching Methods. Juliet offered to chair this committee.

Alethea asked about opportunities for choreographic presentations in professional venues or settings. Rachael didn't think we could provide this as each individual's interests are different. She suggested that we should film grad comp presentations and look into the availability to perform them in the studio theater.

Juliet asked about adding Dance 600 on the spring schedule. This would be one hour a week for Rachael to meet with grads. Faculty discussed if this should be a formal required course or more flexible. Faculty agreed it should be a flexible 1-3 credit course that is not required. Rachael will work on a course proposal. Juliet offered to help.

- Website update (Lincoln/McMains)
Jen Moreland reported that, with Lisa's help, she has created a page on the website where faculty meeting agendas and minutes will be uploaded.

Juliet reported that she is gathering information for the equity pages. Lisa has made a request to the College marketing team to edit our landing page. Juliet has been preparing content for the new page, reorganizing information to group things logically. She asked faculty to please give feedback.

Faculty discussed creating a department equity timeline and adding a foreword to documents that are posted to give context to the information.

Jen Moreland noted that we should make sure content that is posted to the website follows the University guidelines for accessibility.

- Executive Order 31 (Wiley)
Hannah reported that she reviewed Executive Order 31 which covers non-discrimination and affirmative action. There was a question as to why we don't have faculty from a particular culture teach classes from their culture – eg. someone from Africa teaching African Dance or Juliet not teaching Tango because she's not Argentinian. Hannah reported that this would actually be discriminatory and break Order 31, which is a university rule. The rule protects both students and faculty from discrimination.
- Husky Giving Day (Moreland)
Jen Moreland reported that the College's marketing office has inquired who would like to participate in Husky Giving Day on April 2, 2020. They recommend departments focus on one or two funds that they'd like to highlight and identify at least two ambassadors (alumni, faculty, donors) to share about the department on social media and email.

Faculty decided that we should participate and agreed to highlight the DeVries and Department of Dance Scholarships. They suggested reaching out to Monique Courcy and Erin Johnson to be ambassadors. Both are alumni who received scholarships while at UW.

Departmental Updates/Announcements

Nothing to report

Agenda Items for future meetings

Nothing to report.