

Department of Dance Faculty Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 ~ 10:30 am - 11:30 pm

Meany Hall M-102

MINUTES

In attendance: Hannah Wiley, Juliet McMains, Zakkir Rahman, Alethea Alexander, Rachael Lincoln, Paul Moore, Jenifer Moreland

Absent: Jennifer Salk (medical leave), Peter Bracilano

Faculty Updates/Announcements

Nothing to report.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 9, 2019 faculty meeting were approved as written.

The minutes of the January 13, 2020 faculty meeting were postponed to the next meeting.

Chair's Report

Rachael reported that we got the Jones endowment! We have \$50,000 to spend by Spring of 2021. The award includes funds for teaching relief for the person who oversees the revamp of Dance 100. This could possibly be Jen Salk or Hannah. Faculty agreed that it would be helpful to keep Lucie involved as she is scheduled to teach the course in Spring quarter. Juliet will check in with Jen Salk to talk about next steps. Faculty agreed that Lucie would be a great person to interview the former teachers of Dance 100 and gather information about what has/has not worked from each. Juliet offered to supervise Lucie gathering this information.

The award also includes funds for advertising the MFA program in a targeted way. There are also resources for building a bridge to the dance community in Seattle. This could take the form of bringing guests in to teach or lecture. We'd be specifically bringing in people who aren't represented in the current faculty.

Hannah suggested bringing in someone different each Friday in Spring quarter. Faculty discussed this but want to make sure that they aren't creating more work for an already overburdened faculty. Maybe we could add a course on something we don't currently offer that is interesting to our students. Juliet suggested bringing in Diana Garcia-Snyder to teach a one-credit Butoh class in the Spring. Faculty agreed that this is a great idea. Juliet will speak to Diana.

Faculty Topics

- Madison Sullivan, UW Fine & Performing Arts Librarian (Wiley)
Madison Sullivan was sick, so her visit was postponed. Juliet will see if she's available for the next faculty meeting on Feb. 5th.

- Vote to renew Adjunct appointment for Andrea Woody and Affiliate appointments for Shannon Narasimhan and Paul Moore (Lincoln)

Faculty voted unanimously to renew the Adjunct appointment for Andrea Woody. They also unanimously voted to renew the Affiliate appointments for Shannon Narasimhan and Paul Moore.

- Dancer photo release for concerts (Alexander)
Faculty discussed dancer video/photo release forms for the UW Dance Presents concerts. Two students didn't sign the form this year. How do we navigate this? Can we include this in the dancer contract going forward so it's implicit?

Faculty agreed that an image/video release form can be offered and signed at the audition.

Rachael asked if we could speak to the students who didn't sign to hear about their concerns. Alethea will have a conversation with the students.

Hannah suggested that the department speak to the UW Attorney General's office to get final advice on best practice.

- Undergraduate Research Symposium (McMains)
Juliet asked faculty to encourage students to submit applications for the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Zakk has done 2! Juliet will host a performing arts event again at the Symposium. She has asked for the Studio Theater as well as space at Mary Gates.

Students can present a performance piece as long as there is a research component to share about the project.

Departmental Updates/Announcements

Alethea reported that she and Adele are interested in continuing research they did for her UW Dance Presents duet. If faculty agrees, she would like to travel to Texas the second week of February to continue their research. Faculty agreed to this.

Juliet congratulated everyone on the UW Dance Presents concerts!

Agenda Items for future meetings

Nothing to report.