

Department of Dance Faculty Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2020
12:30–1:30 pm

Via Zoom: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/268912394>
Meeting ID: 268 912 394

MINUTES

In attendance: Jennifer Salk, Christina Sunardi, Kelly Canaday, Hannah Wiley, Alethea Alexander, Rachael Lincoln, Juliet McMains, Paul Moore, Peter Bracilano

Faculty Updates/Announcements

Faculty and staff checked in at the beginning of the meeting. Many are feeling Zoom burnout.

Alethea announced that Victor Quijada from Rubberband Dance Group will guest lecture in her Dance History class.

Juliet noted that National Tap Dance Day is May 25th. Alex Dugdale will be teaching a public mini lesson at noon.

Jen has had several great guests in her Creative Process class including Bebe Miller, Chase Angier, Amy O’Neal, Alice Gosti and Brian Evans. Students are happy and love working together in groups.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the April 16, 2020 faculty meeting were approved as written.

Chair’s Report

Jen reported that we are still waiting to hear about summer B term and fall quarter. The decision about what summer B term will look like will be any minute, while the decision about fall could be awhile.

Juliet asked how do we plan for classes? She can’t imagine teaching social dance any time soon.

Jen has been conversing with her colleagues at other universities. There will be an in-depth discussion about this at the Arts Chairs meeting next week.

Faculty Topics

- Jones Endowment (Salk)
Jen will facilitate our proposal for the next round, due May 22nd. Hannah has already received \$20,000 in funding for CDC. We can apply for an additional \$30,000.

Faculty discussed who to send the RFP to and decided to make it the core faculty. Once a proposal is decided on, we can share a draft with students via Zakk and the Dance Student Association, the diversity committee and the grads.

Jen reported that Catherine has suggested there can be some flexibility with this proposal to include funding to help cover the loss in revenue from cancelling concerts this year. It must be framed in a way that is not a pre-existing/ongoing budget item, but a one-time expense. This could include things like set design, collaborations with other departments, etc.

Hannah pointed out that we may have lost funds from DMC, but not necessarily from MFA since we didn't have any expenditures. Maybe we could target the ask for something specific to DMC?

Juliet suggested student collaboration with costume designers, etc.

It was suggested that incoming faculty be included in the discussion. Jen will reach out to Rujeko and Alana.

- **Graduating Students to celebrate in CAS Newsletter (Salk)**
Faculty discussed several students to suggest to the college for the newsletter. Each faculty will write 2-3 sentences for each student and have Nancy Joseph from the college decide which she would like to pursue.
- **Scholarships (Salk)**
Faculty discussed department scholarships and narrowed down the list for each to a few names. DSA is meeting over the weekend to review the DSA scholarship applications and will forward the suggested names to faculty. Once we have this list from DSA, we can finalize who we want to give the department scholarships to.
- **Undergraduate Research Symposium (McMains)**
Juliet reported that the Undergraduate Research Symposium will happen on Friday May 15th and that the performing arts session will be from 12:30-2:00pm. She will send more info when the publicity is out.

Departmental Updates/Announcements

Kelly and Juliet updated faculty about graduation plans. The committee met and suggest that we purchase hoodie sweatshirts for graduating seniors with the department logo on them. They also suggest we order about 100 and have the remainder available for sale for other students and faculty. Students have expressed a desire for department branded swag.

Rachael suggested that Lisa could highlight each graduating senior on social media for one day leading up to graduation. Lisa is currently working with Katie to put together online profiles for seniors and could easily highlight and link these pages. We could encourage faculty and others to write memories of each student.

Juliet suggested that we could follow last year's format for graduation and have a slide for each student and have faculty write a few personalized sentences about each.

Jen let faculty know that the Dean's Medalist nominations are due by May 22nd. Jen will send around a list for faculty to review. We have a number of students with 3.9 GPAs. There might also be a few students who would be good candidates for dual nominations with other departments. Faculty suggested two names that would be great options.

Agenda Items for future meetings

Faculty discussed meeting next week but potentially cancelling the May 14th meeting. We'll decide at the meeting on the 7th.