Department of Dance All Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2020 ~ 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm

Zoom:

https://washington.zoom.us/j/96995225936?pwd=SndXTzZCc3ExZFNxTDNvL2sxVllTQT09

Meeting ID: 969 9522 5936 Passcode: 914778

In attendance: Christina Sunardi, Peter Bracilano, Rujeko Dumbutshena, Jordan Fell, Rachael Lincoln, Jennifer Salk, Juliet McMains, Hannah Wiley, Alana Isiguen, 3 students

Faculty Updates/Announcements

- Christina reminded everyone of COVID-19 protocols, including attestations of health on WorkDay before coming to campus, face covering requirements, physical distancing requirements, cleaning protocols, and staying home if sick, showing symptoms of COVID-19, or testing positive for COVID-19
- Christina asked instructors to remind their students of COVID-19 protocols, and to remind students that the lower level lounge area in Meany is closed to students

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Voting faculty approved minutes from 10/15 faculty meeting
 - o 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Chair's Report

- Update on administrator search
 - Christina updated that first round interviews have been going well; plan to have second round interviews next week (week of 10/26) and invite faculty and staff participation

Faculty Topics

- Department of Dance concert planning
 - Christina turns over to Alana, Artistic Director for UW Dance Presents and Dance Majors Concert

- Faculty agree on the need to be fiscally conservative with production expenses due to impacts of COVID-19
- Faculty agree that rather than having the digital concerts be ticketed will have a means for viewers to make suggested donations – have a button that viewers can click on to make a donation
- Faculty discuss videography and editing
 - Who to hire
 - Time for editing
 - Perhaps more realistic to have the digital evening of *UW Dance Presents* in February
- Faculty ask students about student interest in Dance Majors Concert and MFA Concert
 - Undergraduate students are looking to what faculty do for *UW Dance Presents* as a guide for the Dance Majors Concert; need more guidance on creating dance films
 - Dance composition class in Winter 2021 will focus on dance film
 - For MFA concert, graduate students are leaning towards low-budget productions so could save money for next year
 - Was a question about whether making work is required
 - Faculty clarified that is required for the 1st year MFAs, encouraged for the 2nd years
- Alana still waiting to hear back from EH&S and Sarah Wilke about rehearsal protocols in the studios and filming on the Meany main stage
 - Might be the same as what are seeing for the technique classes, but will follow up when hears back from EH&S and from Sarah
 - Might impact whether or not choreographers want to film on Meany main stage
- o Faculty discuss guest artists who will choreograph for *UW Dance Presents*, one of whom will also give 2 master classes in Alana's jazz class this quarter
- Faculty discuss what equipment is available for students to use
 - Students can check out equipment from campus
 - Encourage students to be creative with that they have, e.g. can do a lot with iPhones
- Faculty decide that for *UW Dance Presents*, will not be filming in Meany in December
 - Jen wants to confirm with her collaborator before releasing the December dates

- Discussion returns to budgets and funds, particularly use of available funds for filming and editing for *UW Dance Presents*, Dance Majors Concert, and MFA Concert
- For MFA concert, grad students encouraged to choreograph on undergraduates because provides a great experience for the undergraduates; graduates can also choreograph on themselves (create solos) if want to
- Discussion of costuming planning
 - Send cast lists to costumer when know, with contact information
 - Costumer plans to make a video to walk through the process of taking measurements
- o Discussion of timeline, particularly in terms of undergraduate students' rehearsal schedules between *UW Dance Presents* and Dance Majors Concert
 - Alana will work to have more information to students regarding DMC planning by the end of next week
 - Alana will work on locating editor(s) and videographer(s) for *UW Dance Presents*, although choreographers welcome to use their own contacts if prefer
- o The matter of who is the Artistic Director for the MFA Concert has not yet been decided; is still up for discussion

Departmental Updates/Announcements

• No further updates or announcements

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Canceling 10/29 meeting; items below will be for a November meeting
 - Setting up an alumni network
 - o 2021 faculty meeting schedule
 - Retention policy