

Department of Dance All Faculty Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 24, 2021

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meany Hall M-102

In attendance: Peter Bracilano, Ed Connery, Juliet McMains, Christina Sunardi, Paul Moore, Hannah Wiley, Rachael Lincoln, Jenn Pray, student

- Welcome and Announcements from the Chair

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Approval of minutes from May 27, 2021 faculty meeting
 - Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- Chair's Report
 - Update on searches this year
 - Assistant Professor of Dance, African and/or African Diasporic Dance and Culture
 - Has been officially approved and is moving forward
 - Ad posted over the summer
 - Many thanks again to those serving on the committee!

 - Divisional Dean
 - Search underway for new Divisional Dean of the Arts
 - Using a search firm
 - Would love your input - see my email re: opportunities to provide input

 - Will be doing Dance staff searches this year, likely starting later this fall
 - Student Services position
 - Operations Specialist position
 - Media and Communications position
 - Will keep you posted when job descriptions go live

 - Ed provided updates
 - Emily joining as temporary advisor
 - Ed also recruiting student workers

 - Faculty Topics
 - Plan for faculty to observe grad students teach this fall
 - Faculty determined who would observe which graduate students teach
 - Juliet volunteered to be a resource for Manimou since he is still new as a part-time lecturer

- Placement
 - Discussion ensued
 - Decided to relax the placement process, to let each instructor decide whether a student should move to a lower level or higher level
 - Instructor could ask another instructor to help them observe students if needed
 - Students responsible for adding and dropping themselves if told to move
 - Christina will update the handbook and let rest of the instructors know placement plan
 - Faculty heading towards a softening of levels for ballet and modern
 - Ballet instructors would like to revisit the placement criteria currently on the department website
- Juliet provided an update about B.A. revision – degree cannot move forward in approval process due to a technicality in the design of the B.A.
 - Juliet and Rachael wrote justification for design of BA; Curriculum Committee will be meeting again on 10/1
 - Juliet will keep us posted as to what the Curriculum Committee decides
- Departmental concert attendance requirement – keep or not?
 - A discussion ensued, faculty decided to keep, but must provide accommodations for students who have legitimate concerns about COVID-19 exposure or about proof of vaccination status/negative COVID-19 test at Meany
 - Instructors may also require that students go to a second concert that is closer to the idiom that is being taught, but must similarly provide accommodations for students who have legitimate concerns about exposure or about proof of vaccination status/negative COVID-19 tests at venues; instructors should also know what the COVID-19 prevention protocols are at the venues and communicate those to students
 - Christina will update the handbook accordingly and will let the rest of the instructors know
- Departmental Updates and Announcements
 - Questions raised:
 - Are we having Influx, DSA concerts this year? – not known
 - Who is advising DSA this year? – not known
- Agenda Items for Future Meetings
 - Scheduling, esp. in regards to technique courses
 - Jen Salk's updates (postponed to a future meeting)
 - Update on the *body space time Residency program (bst)*
 - Alicia Mulligan as possible guest in classes in winter while at The Henry

- Update on Ron K. Brown (Kawasaki guest artist)
 - Combined classes

- **Adjourn to Executive Session for Full-Time Voting Faculty, with Department Administrator**