

Department of Dance All Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2024 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Meany Hall Room M-102

Zoom option:

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Present: Alana Isiguen, Catherine Cole, Ed Connery, Christina Sunardi, Jennifer Salk, Hannah Wiley, Emily Uematsu, Katie Daugherty, Christine Şahin, Hillary Grumman

- Welcome and Announcements from the Chair
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - From September 21, 2023 Faculty Meeting
 - From November 16, 2023 Faculty Meeting
 - *Postponed vote to give faculty more time to review the minutes from these two meetings
- Chair's Report
 - Note on staff
 - Christina gives a big thank you to our amazing staff for all that they do
 - Gives a friendly reminder of the importance of showing our staff respect by:
 - Providing material by when they request it/need it
 - Not asking them to do things that are not part of their roles/job descriptions
 - Letting them do their jobs...which also allows you to do yours
 - If there are concerns about staff performance or questions about particularly staff roles/responsibilities, can bring those concerns or questions to Christina or Ed
- Faculty Topics
 - Revisit need to have faculty or staff at all Department of Dance concerts (given that the Production Manager and Stage Manager are there)

- Related: Are Dance faculty and/or staff really needed at front of the house since Meany staff are there?
- Consensus following discussion is no, not needed for either, but concert artistic directors will ask if any faculty are available to be at the front of the house prior to performance to help with emergency comp tickets if needed. If a faculty member available, that is fine, but not necessary.
 - Ed will check in with Meany to confirm that it would be okay from their end if Dance faculty or staff are not present at the front of the house
- Update on Dance faculty search (Jen)
 - Jen provides update on Dance Assistant Professor search and that more information about the three finalists and their visits will be forthcoming
- Dance course scheduling (Jen)
 - Discussion about course scheduling and recognizing the need to provide more consistency whenever possible to make it easier for students to plan and for the Student Services Manager to help students plan
 - Christina and Emily clarify that this is the goal they have been working towards, but that do need to also be flexible to accommodate instructor availability and special requests for various reasons including research leaves, medical leaves, graduate students wanting to take courses in other departments, etc.
 - Christina and Emily also recognize challenges with musician schedules and factor that into scheduling as well (Christina has spoken with the Musical Director about musician schedules)
 - Christina recognizes Emily for the wonderful job she is doing with scheduling, thinking through all of these matters, and giving the faculty an opportunity to review the draft Time Schedule before she submits it
- Departmental Updates and Announcements
- Agenda Items for Future Meetings
 - Policy update re: faculty outside Dance supervising Dance 595
 - Proposal for a Jones line to support alumni work (Jen)
 - Dance USA membership
 - Revisit Studio Use Guidelines (Jen) [Studio Use Guidelines](#)