

Collegiate Council Meeting
May 3, 2013

Attendance: Joshua Shannon (ARTHIST), Holly Brewer (HIST), Nancy Struna (AMST), Leslie Feilbain (TDPS), Walter Dallas (TDPS), Scott Wible (ENGL), Hayim Lapim (JWST), Ashwini Tambe (WMST), Hasan Elahi (ART)

Recorder: Scott Wible

1. Review of the Collegiate Council meeting minutes from April 2013:
 - Revisions requested:
 - Point 6, 3rd bullet: Students are writing more than they used to but not reading as deeply as we would like them to.
 - Point 2, 2nd bullet: web address needs to be change:
<http://amst.umd.edu/powerlines/>
 - Meeting minutes approved, with revisions.
2. Announcements:
 - a. Professional Writing Program receives the Award for Excellence in Teaching & Innovation from the Center for Teaching Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Education.
 - b. First MFA cohort in Performance Studies set to grauate this month.
3. Announcements on ARHU budget from Associate Dean Julie Wright
 - COLA at 3% becomes effective on January 1, 2014; Merit at 2.5% on April 1, 2014.
 - .25% of 2.5% of faculty merit pool retained by Provost and Academic Affairs to address situations of retention, spousal hiring, etc., as they arise
 - 2.25% comes to ARHU Dean. Traditionally, ARHU Dean keeps 0.5% of that pool; deliver 1.75% to the departments. This year, Provost gave Dean's discretion to disperse more than 1.75% to departments given the salary compression and equity issues.
 - The ARHU Dean did retain 0.5% again this year but set aside ½ of that 0.5% and asked Chairs to submit request of most serious salary compression problems. Dean has reviewed those requests and made allocations to address those requests, at least partially.
 - The other ½ of the 0.5% retained by the Dean will be used to strategically target and address salary compression.
 - Dispersed to the departments: 1.75% of each department's budget for itemized faculty lines and lecturer pools.
 - Assoc. Dean Wright working right now with departments to address specific retention cases.
 - GAs are getting the mandatory 3% COLA
 - Department budgets are not increasing for AY 2014, aside from merit and COLA

4. Reports of Standing Committees

- a) Annual Report on the Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee, presented by Alena Moyer
 - Leslie Felbain makes clarification: MFA in Performance, not MFA in Performance Studies (Performance Studies emphasizes scholarship, Performance emphasizes practice)
- b) Annual Report on the Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, presented by Charley Rutherford
 - Committee was a mix of returning and new committee members. Committee met weekly since early November to work through cases.
 - Anticipated 15 cases on the docket:
 - 1 was a case reopened from last year
 - 2 were turned back at the department level
 - 12 promotions sent forward with committee approval from ARHU
 - 11 promotions approved by the Provost and President
 - 1 tenure & promotion case denied by the Provost and the President
 - 7 candidates for promotion from Associate to Full Professor.
 - Those candidacies are pending, have been with the University APT Committee for the past three weeks.
 - University APT Committee is working a week behind, and then the transmission between the Provost's office and the President's office is also behind schedule.
 - Reviewed 3 people for appointment to tenured rank.
- c) Annual Report of the Committee on New Technologies, created by Kathy Cavanaugh and presented by Committee Chair Hasan Elahi
 - All faculty staff and students now have access to all Adobe packages (Terpware)
 - Change has been made to the way that ARHU can access the money for instructional technology funding

5. Video presentation by Nicky Everette, ARHU Director of Marketing and Communications: ARHU Insights on Collin Phillips, Linguistics

- Question about future plans for the ARHU Communications Office
 - Continue developing and implementing strategy to promote these ARHU Insights
 - Everette knows that more of these videos need to be told, but the difficulty is creating a resource plan to sustain this production.
 - Everette's office will also continue to pursue other marketing and promoting activities
- Everette: Explained the history and production process behind the ARHU Insights video project. The idea originated with the Collegiate Council last year.
- Everette: Acknowledges that some gaping holes in the ARHU Insights video series:
 - Performing artists

- Student research, both graduates and undergraduates
 - Everette explains how the Worldwide materials (postcards, booklet) are used in recruiting
 - Felbain mentions that from her experience with her child enrolling in Maryland this academic year, she thinks that ARHU would benefit from a great visible presence at first-year student orientation. Stresses the need to expose ARHU to both students and parents
 - Upcoming meeting: ARHU Dean Thornton Dill will be meeting with administrators in the admissions office to address these concerns
 - Everette: her office's mission is to address both external and internal communication
 - Elahi confirms Felbain's point from his perspective as director of the Digital Culture & Creativity Honors College.
6. Stabilization of Collegiate Council for 2013-2014: Discussion led by Charley Rutherford
- a) Rutherford asks Brewer to convene the first meeting for fall 2013; Brewer agrees
 - b) Rutherford Proposes meeting schedule for fall 2013: first Friday of each month.
 - September 6, 1 p.m.
 - October 4, 1 p.m.
 - November 1, 1 p.m.
 - December 6, 1 p.m.
7. Discussion: Report on "Humanities Indicators" from the National Academy of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.amacad.org/projects/indicators.aspx>)
- Wible: Mentions two symposia on the future of and advocating for the humanities on which the Executive Director of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) participated:
 - Making a Case for the Humanities: Audience and Advocacy: http://www.cic.net/docs/default-source/reports/making_a_case_for_the_humanities_advocacy_and_audience.pdf?sfvrsn=0
 - Symposium on the Future of the Humanities: <http://www.cic.edu/meetings-and-events/Other-Events/Pages/Humanities-Symposium.aspx>

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Leslie Felbain requests to be added to the ARHU Collegiate Council reflector list: lfelbain@umd.edu