

Collegiate Council Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2011

In Attendance: Bonnie Dill Thornton (Dean, ARHU), Charley Rutherford (ARHU), Sam Kerstein (Philosophy), Giuseppe Falvo (Languages), Audra Buck-Coleman (Art), Yui Suzuki (Art History), Greg Staley (Classics), Kristi Maddux (Communication), Edlie Wong (English), Naomi Feldman (Linguistics), Kathy Murdock (Music), Walter Dallas (Theatre), and Laura Nichols (proxy for Katie King, Women's Studies)

1. Introductions of the Collegiate Council
2. Charley Rutherford reviewed the charge for Collegiate Council official duties.
3. Election of 2011-12 Collegiate Council Officials: Sam Kerstein (CC President), Kristi Maddux (Vice-President), and Edlie Wong (Secretary). Election of Academic Planning Committee (APC) member: Giuseppe Falvo. (All APC meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons.)
4. All Fall 2011 Collegiate Council Meetings will begin at 1pm and are scheduled as follows:
October 21, 2011
November 18, 2011
December 9, 2011
5. Charley Rutherford announced the staffing of the current five-person APT (Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure) Committee: Laura Rosenthal (returning Chair, English), Peter Carruthers (Philosophy), Jeffrey Lidz (Linguistics), Anne Warren (Theatre), and Madeline Zilfi (History).
6. Bonnie Thornton Dill announced that the "Statement on Civility" will be re-issued in the college. She then outlined her general goals for her two-year term as the new Dean of ARHU as follows:
 - I. Broad theme of building community throughout ARHU in response to lowered moral, due in part to past austerity measures.
 - II. Broad theme of "realizing a common purpose."
 - A. Entails facilitating interdisciplinary collaborations which will involve investigating and disseminating knowledge of the current state of interdisciplinary collaborations throughout ARHU and identifying barriers to interdisciplinarity.
 - B. Entails working to achieve excellence through diversity. She will appoint a Diversity Task Force that will develop a Diversity Plan for the College.

- C. Entails providing support for research and scholarship in ARHU given limited financial resources and the need to seek external funds to support new scholarly initiatives.
 - 1. Research and development: identifying grant opportunities specific to Arts & Humanities
 - 2. Address paucity of support program (i.e. grant or application workshops) within budget
 - 3. Dissemination of grant information/outside funding streams throughout ARHU.

Dean Thornton Dill broadly charged the Collegiate Council with addressing bullet points A, B, C associated with “realizing a common purpose”: seeking out information regarding interdisciplinary collaborations, generating a list of current collaborations within departments, brainstorming strategies for interdisciplinary work and excellence in education. In addition she mentioned that there is no forum for staff representation in the College and would like the Council to examine that issue. It was noted that the Council still needs a staff representative and members were asked to submit nominations.

7. Need to identify three additional members of the Collegiate Council: staff member, graduate student, and undergraduate student to serve as *ex officio* members of the current Collegiate Council.

8. Before the Oct. 21st meeting, CC members should email Sam Kerstein a list of the interdisciplinary activities carried out by faculty in their departments.