

Collegiate Council Meeting
February 7, 2014

In attendance: Profs. Perla Guerrero (AMST), June Hargrove (ARTH), Hasan Elahi (ARTT), Eric Adler (CLAS), Scott Wible (ENGL), Holly Brewer (HIST), Rachel Manekin (JWST), Ellen Lau (LING), Rachel Singpurwalla (PHIL), Kathleen Cavanaugh (STAFF), Dean Bonnie Thornton Dill, Associate Dean Daryle Williams.

Absent: Profs. Ashwini Tambe (WMST), Nan Jiang (SLLC), Xiaoli Nann (COMM), Chris Gekker (MUSC), Leslie Felbain (TDPS), Leslie Falbain (TDPS), Alaa Elgibali (ARAB).

Meeting convened at 1:05 p.m.

1. Minutes for the December 13 meeting were reviewed.

- Motion to accept the minutes by _____.
- Motion seconded by _____.
- Committee votes to accept the minutes.

2. Announcements

- Arts and Humanities Center for Synergies (arhusynergy.umd.edu): Dean Thornton Dill
 - We've talked about having a virtual humanities center and this is kind of it. It showcases interdisciplinary work, work within the campus and partnerships with cultural heritage institutes. It includes the world wide lecture series, etc. Should be dynamic. We're trying to support working groups on various topics.
 - June Hargrove: How does it relate to MITH?
 - Dean Thornton Dill: It's a MITH affiliate.
 - June Hargrove: This has an inclusiveness that MITH doesn't project.
 - Dean Thornton Dill: The project we're working on in Art History is the kind of thing we have in mind for the Synergy Center. Applying for a conference in Art history. We sent out the link to the annual report from last year on Thursday, February 6. It's online; there will be paper copies online. Classics grant. This is the largest grant and UMD classics got the one. It's a testament to Classics and the kind of work that Classic's done for several years. Kara really worked at it to make it a fundable proposal. Putting the research unit in place was important for providing support. Research Unit under Sherri Parks, Associate Dean for Research and Kara works with her.
- National Humanities Alliance Conference (March 10 & 11): Holly Brewer
 - Stephen Kidd, director of the council can come and talk to us about hoe to looby for the humanities and talk about you work. It really makes a difference. He can

come and talk to us about how the conference went. Monday, March 31 Kidd will come and talk at 4p.m. Should we have a dinner or reception?

- June Hargrove: What do we want from him? If we have an agenda or proposal we could meet with him and talk on a small scale.
- Hasan Elahi: Could we get him to talk to President Loh or others to talk about the importance about Humanities? It would be good to get him to speak to other people at the University.
- Schedule for Collegiate Council Meeting (see tentative schedule); the schedule will be sent out soon: Holly Brewer

3. Revised TDPS Plan of Organization

- Daryle Williams: for TDPS there have to be two meetings. This is the first meeting. We can wait for the second one. We do this as their plan of organization changes.
- Holly Brewer: read the cover letter that expresses the changes.
- June Hargrove: Is this something that could be handled in the way that we handled the college plan? So that 2 or 3 people work on it and then present what might be controversial so that other departments can look at the changes and suggestions made by collegiate council. Did the department itself write the cover letter?
- Daryle Williams: Yes, I didn't ask them to do it.
- June Hargrove: So then I think everyone should submit something.
- Holly Brewer: I think it was a great idea.
- Eric Wimble: Didn't Charlie send out a 21 point check point for what to look for?
- Dean Thornton Dill: Anything that seems contradictory, that the department doesn't see. Or the department hasn't spoken about something that they should have spoken on.
- Hasan Elahi: Maybe the subcommittee should have a faculty member in the subcommittee?
- Holly Brewer: Let's say that Leslie, Scott and June are the tentative members.

4. ARHU Plan of organization.

- Early subcommittee was Kathy, June, _____, _____.

- Daryle Williams: Corrected some stuff, last documents is from Nov. 1st. It's out of subcommittee and for the council. The subcommittee has completed its work.
- Dean Thornton Dill: We'll review this and vote on it next time.
- Darryl: The review process is spelled out in the documents.
- Kathy Cavanaugh: Only full time faculty would be voting.
- Hasan Elahi: If we're not including staff then
- Holly Brewer: Maybe we can add an amendment
- Kathy Cavanaugh: The staff council proposed some language.
- Conversation about the language of the Plan of Organization, who can vote, and who can't, and if the language is clear. We read the Preamble: "The faculty of the college or ARHU in conjunction with its dean, students, and staff promulgate...."
- Eric Adler: Consultation is more accurate because we're not doing it in conjunction with students.
- June Hargrove: Moves to change the word from "conjunction" to "consultation."
- Eric Adler: Seconds the motion.
- Most in favor; one opposed – Scott Wimble.
- Holly Brewer: There's supposed to be a student representative for the Collegiate Council.
- Dean Thornton Dill: There's never been a student on the council. There's a Student Advisory Board that regularly meets with the Dean. Usually when we have students involved they have student write something and then someone's picked.
- Holly Brewer: do a final look over after the meeting.
- Daryle Williams: If the council approves we'll send it out.

5. New Business

- Holly Brewer: Why have humanities students dropped in recent years? The available information shows that UMD "favors" SAT math over verbal scores--there's a 30 point difference. We're up there with Cal Tech.

- Conversation about why the numbers are the way that they are. It's quite common in Honors to have 800 scores in math. Dean Thornton Dill said we could invite Audran Downing to provide more thorough information. June Hargrove wonders if there's a way to track how many transfer students come into the Humanities. Dean Thornton Dill said if these are issues we want to pursue as a council there should be specific questions so that various people can come and speak to them. It appears that across the UMD humanities, there are fewer students enrolled in classes. This might be due to a change in the core humanities courses required and which classes fill which requirements.

6. Administrative Council

- Two speakers from campus career center. Communication has a great relationship with career center. Director of the Career Center, Kelly Bishop, is enthusiastic about establishing programs with other departments. Holly Brewer says we should invite him.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Perla M. Guerrero