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 graduate 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:
        o 1 was a case reopened from last year
        o 2 were turned back at the department level
        o 12 promotions sent forward with committee approval from ARHU
        o 11 promotions approved by the Provost and President
        o 1 tenure & promotion case denied by the Provost and the President
      • 7 candidates for promotion from Associate to Full Professor.
        o Those candidacies are pending, have been with the University APT Committee for the past three weeks.
        o 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
      o Continue developing and implementing strategy to promote these ARHU Insights
      o Everette knows that more of these videos need to be told, but the difficulty is creating a resource plan to sustain this production.
      o 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:
      o Performing artists
• Student research, both graduates and undergraduates
• Everette explains how the Worldwise 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
  o Upcoming meeting: ARHU Dean Thornton Dill will be meeting with administrators in the admissions office to address these concerns
  o 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.

   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:
     o 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
     o 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: Ifelbain@umd.edu