

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Members Present: M. Prus, K. Alwes, S. Anderson, S. Asumah, G. Bhat, R. Darling, L. Ellis, L. Gatto, R. Kendrick, M. King, B. Mattingly, C. McRoberts, J. O'Callaghan, T. Pasquarello, T. Phillips, R. Ponterio, K. Russell, S. Steadman, H. Steck, P. van der Veur, K. Zimmerman

Guests: S. Dangler, N. Pasquarello, R. Peagler

Threat Assessment Team

R. Peagler, N. Pasquarello, and S. Dangler discussed the context for the creation of the T.A.T.:

- there is always some risk given the size of our population.
- the burden can't be solely on the Counseling Center
- No need to supersede existing policy
- Chairs are often contacted by faculty
- Associate Deans – are also point persons for complaints
- T.A.T. membership reflects key personnel: M. Barduhn, R. Goldberg, J. O'Callaghan, S. Dai, M. Holland, N. Pasquarello, and S. Dangler.

Per Chief Dangler –

We can take people into custody if they are a threat to others or self – not technically an arrest. In this context it is very valuable to have written record of behavior. UPD's focus is on the who, what, when, where, why and how. All in UPD have Active Shooter Training.

Per N. Pasquarello –

Keep the focus on behavior of the individual. Feel free to communicate concerns (Do not fear the tattle tale label)

Don't forget Department Secretaries -- they too can provide key information on student behavior. Judicial Affairs can respond swiftly to an incident via the "Interim sanction." In less drastic situations a "Non Disciplinary meeting" is an option, too. FERPA allows communication on a need to know basis

Question: Are we developing a process allowing Secretaries to use a not-obvious code to contact UPD. Answer: that has been discussed in the past but maintaining clarity, reliability and security of a code has been a problem.

Faculty have been involved in the past in bringing students over to counseling when they appear to be suicidal. Discussion of gray areas, liability, and data on incidents

Announcements

Annual fire inspection is coming up.
Oct. 3rd – Old Main, Moffett, and Dowd
Oct. 4th – Bowers
Oct. 9th – Cornish – Van Hoesen

I Live NY – Spitzer Summit -- on Tuesday – see it at Brown Auditorium

Thursday – 11:00 – 12:00 ACE -- Internationalization Lab meeting in Brockway – all are welcome

H. Steck – Prof. Titanenko on 9/19. Gender and Values in Eastern and Central Europe

9/22 – Provost Elizabeth Davis-Russell on Liberia

10/3 – V. O'Brien – Health Talk

9/18 – 6 pm Dowd – new show opening

Brooks Lecture – coming

Beard Gallery – 6 pm – student show

9/19 – Provost Palme visiting

Center for Ethics, Peace and Social Justice has developed a Conference – to be held 11/3
– proposals welcome

Department of Africana Studies -- name is official.

Associate Dean's Report

Curriculum Action: progress made in recent CCRC meeting on passing a variety of Studio Art classes (weaving) and some ENG proposals. Still some details to be resolved on both.

-New curriculum process is in place and all chairs should have copies. Color coding is no longer needed regarding curriculum change forms

Question regarding an update on taking of Joint Chairs Council minutes --- M. Prus will follow up on that

Personnel

Searches this fall:

Two positions in English

Three positions in Chemistry

One position in Biology

One position in Math

One position in History

One position in Communications

One position in New Media Design

One position – Gallery Director

Budget

Approximately \$100,000 available to the Provost for academic equipment replacement
Chairs should send ranked requests to M. Prus. Another \$100,000 in stabilization funds
in the budget.

Facilities

Sperry – appears to be a need for tables or podiums in some classes. Chairs requested
portable podiums and tables for Sperry.

Latest on OM Windows

Continuation of Old Main windows while weather permits: South side- PSY, ART, ICC
Expect disruptions next Monday. No classrooms are affected – except for two studios
Some after hours and weekend work will occur too.

110 Moffett NeoVox will move from this site – probably to Dowd 52-53.

Question raised re: installation of “Office 2007” on computers – faculty not aware in
advance and interface is quite different.

P. Warnken has said that upgrade for faculty computers is coming, however there are
limitations. In theory we are committed to a three-year cycle of replacement – not yet
funded.

DSI Procedures

Dean Prus distributed a sample from Professional Studies of a point system to formalize
DSI evaluations.

- see point system used in Professional Studies for two years
- This year A&S had 120 self-nominations - at a \$90,000 cost
- M. Prus had \$55,000 – so many recommendations were at a lower level
- Appeals rates are low in Education and Professional Studies, but in Arts and
Sciences 20% appealed
- Frustrating for M. Prus and the Provost
- M. Prus asked chairs to bring the point system sample back to departments
- Various critiques were offered: Limitations in categories, risks of people gaming
this system, recognizing other forms of scholarship e.g. performance.
- Perhaps we should change the current system to a system for Deans to handle
appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

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