

Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council
Monday, May 4, 2020
Virtual Meeting using Teams

MINUTES

Present: Bruce Mattingly, Vincent DeTuri, Seth Asumah, Jeremiah Donovan, Patricia Conklin and Theresa Curtis, Gregory Phelan, Paul van der Veur, for Flavia Dantas, Andrea Harbin, Wendy Miller, David Barclay, Kevin Sheets, Alexandru Balas, David Dickerson, Paulo Quaglio, Kevin Halpin, Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, Moataz Emam, Mary McGuire, Herbert Haines

Administrative Update

- Updates on hiring
 - Hiring freeze, but allowed to continue four current faculty searches
 - Africana Studies, Biology, Economics, Modern Languages
 - Two candidates for Campus Diversity Officer
 - No information about faculty searches for the Fall, send requests to Bruce
- Updates on graduate fellowships, we can nominate two students
- Updates on SLOs progress
- Summer orientation will be remote
- Online transformations starting on May 13
 - Deadline to upload is May 6
- Clery act requires reporting on qualified student trips
- Annual report deadline might be pushed back by one week, waiting for an official announcement
- Updates on budget
 - P-cards are suspended, must do a purchase order
 - Only essential purchases are allowed, addressing essential health and safety, essential to fulfilling campus mission, provide a future benefit
 - This does not include foundation money
 - Next year OTPS budgets are unknown, expect a manageable cut
- Fall 2020 opening
 - Deposits from first-year are up and new transfer is down
 - Expecting same attendance as last year
 - A decision about Fall will probably be announced after August 1
 - All options are being considered
 - Reduce reliance on adjuncts
- Discussed vacancies in Faculty Senate
- Guidance from SUNY about faculty tenure
 - Proposal for tenure clock extension of one year

- CTE for Spring 2020 is optional
 - Scheduled sabbatical requests will continue in Fall
- Reminder about scheduling exams during class time or asynchronous
- Commencement updates
- Discussed platforms for remote learning
 - Zoom will be restricted in the Fall semester