

Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council
Monday, April 5, 2021
Virtual Meeting Using Teams

MINUTES

Present: Bruce Mattingly, Vincent DeTuri, Seth Asumah, Jeremiah Donovan, Patricia Conklin, Gregory Phelan, Paul van der Veur, Flavia Dantas, Andrea Harbin, Scott Anderson, David Barclay, Kevin Sheets, Alexandru Balas, David Dickerson, Paulo Quaglio, Kevin Halpin, Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, Douglas Armstead, Mary McGuire, Craig Foster, Sharon Steadman.

Administrative Update

- Commencement committee is working on an option
 - No spectators will be allowed
- MOU on telecommuting extension to July 2
- Concerns about mask-less visitors – more signage will be posted
- Admissions will have small tours starting today
- Currently only 14 students in Q/I
- Requiring students to be vaccinated when they return in the Fall
 - SUNY will not make this mandatory
 - Cornell is mandating vaccinations
- SUNY may offer retirement incentives
- Reminder about volunteering for vacant committees

Associate Dean's Report

- The curriculum committee is focusing on reviewing course level SLOs

Old Business

Fall 2021 planning

- Plan to look similar to Fall 2019 – “return to normal”
- Unsure if this includes field trips
- Online options will still be available following same guidelines as Fall 2019
- Unsure about class capacity
- The technology in the classrooms will still be available
- Regular travel should be available
- Unsure about policies for hosting an outside group

New Business

Final exam proposal from EPC

- Geology department – wants clarity on scheduling finals for independent labs and when final exam can be given
- Economic – why are synchronous and asynchronous courses exempt?
- English and Sociology/Anthropology – need clarity on final paper/project requirements

- History – need clarity on comprehensive exams

Open Discussion

- Chairs raised concerns about errors in schedule builder

Deadlines and Announcements

- April 30: virtual Transformations