

Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council
Monday, April 19, 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

- We have a relatively low contamination rate
- Updates on grad walk
 - Scheduled for Wednesday May 12 and Thursday May 13
 - Faculty will not march in regalia, but we need volunteers
- On-campus events in Fall
 - Might not be a complete return to normal
 - Let Bruce know if you have any events
- Graduate Assistant applications due today
- Change to email format from an off-campus party – there will be a notification in the email that the sender is from off-campus
- Messaging is going to new students in the Fall
 - There will be no tripling in the dorms

Associate Dean's Report

- Final exam requests – please send now, if any

Old Business

Fall 2021 planning

- Social distancing requirements are unknown – might be 3 ft.
- The timetable for the announcements are unknown
- Bruce will look at course enrollment numbers soon

New Business

Campus telecommuting policy

- Policy extended to July 2 and expected to be the last extension
- Expect routine on-campus presence in the Fall
- Report to Bruce if there any concerns about staff or faculty not being able to report to work
- Might have some flexibility over the summer
- Question about requiring student workers or cast members in a show to be vaccinated – unsure

Faculty development funding

- The FDF will be moving forward
- Additional travel money (for virtual conferences) or journal subscriptions
- An announcement will be out soon for faculty to apply
- This is in addition to regular funding

Open Discussion

SUNY General Education Proposal

- Our campus GE committee submitted a response
- Concern about timing – request to extend the timeline for review
- Concerns about changing curriculum for shifting categories and competencies
- Bruce will send survey link for feedback to SUNY

Deadlines and Announcements

- April 25: nomination deadline - 2021 Student Leadership Awards
- April 30: virtual Transformations