

Arts & Sciences Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 21, 2015, 4:00pm
Drake Room, Olmsted

Present: Perrine, Cravero, Valdovinos, Urness, Summerville, Garriott, Mallea, Zwiier, Kent, De Laet, Roth, Lueth, Jackson, Kilpatrick, Robertson.

1. Call to order and approval of minutes
 - a. Minutes approved unanimously
 - b. Missing members: Harvey, Kliethermes

2. Report from the Dean
 - a. Last Tuesday (9/15) was Nancy Berns' Stalknaker lecture. Awards were also announced:
 - i. 2016 Stalnaker will be Dan Alexander.
 - ii. Centennial Scholar is Maria Valdovinos.
 - iii. Distinguished Engagement award went to Jennifer Harvey.
 - iv. Humanities Research Scholar award went to Renee Cramer.
 - b. Faculty development proposals are due to dean October 15.
 - c. Provost will now allow three candidates for faculty searches on a limited basis. Language for this is currently being written.
 - d. Campus social club is Thursday, September 24 from 4-6 p.m. in Shivers.
 - e. Cones and flags put on campus today for new STEM buildings. Meetings with those in proximate buildings are taking place to warn of noise and discuss construction process. Mechanisms are in place and will be added to minimize disruptions.

3. Report from Student Senators
 - a. First student groups have requested one-time funding. Requests granted based on benefits to campus not just group. Encouraging fund-raising so groups are not annually requesting one-time funds
 - b. Lueth interested in hosting TED talks about how to build a resume geared towards freshmen and sophomores. Wants speakers who are faculty/staff/students. Topics include questions to ask when talking to advisors, general info for younger students on where to go and who can help.

4. Report from Committee Chairs
 - a. Technology committee – meeting with Chris Gill next week
 - b. Diversity committee- held first meeting just before this one. Discussed how they can use the climate assessment results. Identified some issues and tasks to move forward.

5. Old Business: Proposal for new concentration in Zoo Science and Conservation (please see four attachments) – Michael Renner
 - a. Concerns were raised relating to overlap between this new concentration and current animal behavior concentration.
 - b. Questions about resources relating to current students doing this or if till bring in new students.
 - c. There is plenty of room for internships at the zoo – they actually need research to keep their accreditation and are very excited about this concentration.
 - d. Approval to table proposal until receipt of further information.

6. New Business: Proposal for new course: HIST 015: Selected Introductory Topics in History (please see three attachments)
 - a. Already approved by curriculum committee as elective course.
 - b. There is precedence of topics courses becoming “real” courses if they are successful.
 - c. This course was developed based on program review/outcomes to adapt where they see the department going. Anyone can teach these courses based on each professor’s specialty.
 - d. Courses only for freshman/sophomores and might meet an AOI
 - e. Reactive courses like this are very popular and give a great introduction to teaching methods.
 - f. Approved unanimously.

7. New Business: Proposal for new course: REL 141: Travel Seminar to Israel & Jordan (please see four attachments)
 - a. Already approved by curriculum committee
 - b. Proposal will be vetted by international center/risk assessment (as are all proposals for overseas travel).
 - c. Course is 3 credits.
 - d. Approved unanimously.

8. New Business: A&S responses to campus climate survey (please see Executive Summary, attached)
 - a. Please attend a presentation (9/21 at 7 p.m. or 9/22 at 3:30 p.m. in Sussman). Both qualitative and quantitative data will be shared. Recordings of the presentation and hard copies of the reports will be available in the library beginning 9/24.
 - b. If you have ways council can follow up with survey results please share those with Jennifer Perrine.

9. Adjournment