

Arts & Sciences Council Meeting Agenda **Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 3:30pm**

Present: Megan Brown, Karen Leroux, Leah Kalmanson, Jennifer Perrine, Matthew Zwier, Martin Roth, Nicholas Roth, Adina Kilpatrick, Steven Lancaster, Joe Lenz, Joanna Mosser, Michael Haedicke, Dina Smith, Megan Martin

1. Call to order
3:31 PM

2. Report from Dean Lenz
 1. From Town Hall Meeting, December 2: David Wright clarified the message from the Board of Trustees and the status of president search. Despite rumors to the contrary, it is not a failed search. They have a very broad pool of candidates, have been meeting weekly, and are committed to finding the right candidate for next president.
 2. STEM facility prep: architects will be on campus Thursday for another round of discussion.
 3. Town Hall meeting prior to Thanksgiving: handbook changes that will require approval by faculty. Not much concern expressed about recommendations. Ballot will go out tomorrow morning for faculty to vote on recommendations. Opportunity then for Council to look at standing committees and what to do next.
 4. Upcoming Climate Survey, beginning of spring 2015. Encourage colleagues to participate. Need strong participation across campus. Need reliable and real information. An outside reviewer ran a series of focus group meetings. Drake has been working with that group on the survey itself, to make sure questions are pertinent to Drake.
 5. Adina asked: what are the standing committees supposed to be doing? Is this something that will come back in discussion at Council? Especially Technology Committee, with issues in DTS.

Megan: hoped to get through changes proposed by ad hoc committee; in the spring will talk about agenda setting, priorities for committees. The College may need to reimagine the charge of the Technology committee, with all of the DTS changes. Megan will put this on the agenda for the first spring meeting and invite the Technology Committee to attend.

3. New Business: Report from Nancy Reincke, Chair of College of Arts & Sciences Diversity Committee
Nancy reported that the Diversity Committee has met three times this semester, to organize, get a sense of what the committee has done in the past, and how to sustain their efforts. The committee will launch a website that will be a more direct way to access information related to A&S diversity and record of initiatives and programs, steps to take to promote diversity, including links to pedagogy

from Drake students and faculty. If you have any suggestions for committee, please send them to Nancy.

4. New Business: Discussion of Course Proposals approved by Curriculum Committee (please see attachments in folders labeled Group One and Group Two)

Group One: ART 070, ENG 130, 137, SCSR 148, THEA 102

Council discussed the courses above and voted in favor of approving them.

Group Two: ENG 138, THEA 120, ENSP 111, SCSS 196

ENSP 111 from David Courard-Hauri did not have a credit calculation worksheet.

Megan will contact David for more information; strike his section of ENSP 111 from consideration at this time.

Council discussed the rest and voted in favor of approving them, except for Courard-Hauri's section of ENSP 111.

5. Adjournment

4:12 PM