

Collegiate Council
Friday, April 11, 2014
1:30 p.m.

In attendance: Profs. Scott Wible (ENGL), Rachel Singpurwalla (PHIL), Rachel Manekin (JWST), Chris Gekker (MUSC), June Hargrove (ARTH), Eric Adler (CLAS), Ellen Lau (LING), Perla Guerrero (AMST), Xiaoli Nan (COMM), Ashwini Tambe (WMST), Kathleen Cavanaugh (STAFF), Holly Brewer (HIST), Adriane Fang (TDPS), Laura Nichols, Dean Bonnie Thornton Dill, Associate Dean Daryle Williams.

Absent: Profs. Hasan Elahi (ARTT), Nan Jiang (SLLC), Alaa Elgibali (ARAB).

1. Motion to approve minutes by Ashwini Tambe; seconded by Rachel Singpurwalla.

2. Announcement

- Dean Thornton Dill: Budget related matters- there is going to be merit pay and COLA as well as 1.5% hard budget cut.
- Ashwini: Why can the state do this?
- Dean Thornton Dill: Other institutions have higher tuition and higher resources for financial aid so that we wouldn't be underfunded in the ways that we are and end up pushing the neediest students out. We try to take into consideration of the cases of departments and resources.

3. Plans of Organization Review

- TDPS (Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies) Plan of Organization was unanimously approved.
- ARHU Plan of Organization - Daryle to make small changes to College Plan with the approval of the council, that draft will be circulated to members prior to the next meeting in order to discuss more substantial topics at the next Collegiate Council meeting.

4. Stephen Kidd Visit

- Holly: What can we do proactively to advocate proactively for the humanities?
-Ashwini: Kidd said to make more videos for the humanities.
-Scott: liked the point he made about legislators supporting when they see the local impact; help constituents in the local area

5. Maryland Humanities Council and National Women's History Museum

- Sonya Michel in HIST was on an advisory committee to the National Women's History Museum but had to resign because they didn't listen to her or her critiques of what they were omitting. She outlines these issue in a New Republic article. Judith Hallet in the Classics Department similar experience with the Maryland Humanities Council that was only interested in raising money from wealthy donors. The council members are political appointees.

- Holly: What can we do to push back against inaccurate information?
- June: Humanities meeting w/ big10 colleagues on strategies and advocacy
- Advocacy: national level; Maryland level (grants); direct connections in our communities.
- We will invite Sherri to talk about humanities council and local engagements

- Could writing op-ed pieces count toward tenure or APT cases? There's the "public intellectual" part of the APT document.
- Ashwini: Let's not think of the sciences as the enemy; NSF grants often ask for "other impacts."
 - Working w/ people in hard sciences and social sciences; how many of us know people outside of the college.
 - Get rid of the financial disincentives for co-teaching

6. Undergraduate Studies

- At the next meeting Undergraduate Admissions will talk about admissions over the last 10 years and SAT scores.
- Kelly Bishop from the career center will also come and talk about what they do and what they can do for different departments.
- Start putting a career advisor in the colleges; starting next fall we'll have a career advisor (Kate Jewel); here 4 days a week; career center; she'll be embedded in the college & available to students for advising.

Meeting over at 2:30 p.m. Next meeting May 2 at 1 p.m.