

Collegiate Council Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2011

In Attendance: Sam Kerstein (Philosophy, Chair), Bonnie Thornton Dill (Dean, ARHU), Charles Rutherford (Associate Dean; ex officio and Dean's Representative), Audra Buck-Coleman (Art), Kathy Murdock (Music), Jeffrey McCune, Jr. (American Studies and Women's Studies), Kristi Maddux (Communication), Edlie Wong (English), Katie King (Women's Studies), Paula Barriga-Sanchez (History and Classified Staff Representative), Yui Suzuki (Art History), Naomi Feldman (Linguistics), Tajeh Ebram (English and Undergraduate Student Representative), Shelby Sender (School of Music and Graduate Student Representative), Walter Dallas (Theatre), Bernard Cooperman (Jewish Studies)

1. Dean's Forum: Council discussed the feasibility of scheduling a Dean's Forum for Spring 2012, at which Dean Thornton Dill might sum up current events on campus, outline future projects, and answer questions. In response, Dean Thornton Dill suggested merging the Dean's Forum with the Spring 2012 "Welcome Back" event and reception already scheduled for February 7, 2012 (snow day on February 21, 2012) from 3:30-5pm in Tawes Hall, at which our new Associate Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Kumea Shorter-Gooden will be introduced to the college. This event will take the place of the February Collegiate Council Meeting.

2. Dates for Spring 2012 Collegiate Council Meetings: All meetings to be held 1-2:30pm on Fridays in the Dean's Conference room 1102 Francis Scott Key Hall unless otherwise notified.

- January 27, 2012
- March 9, 2012
- April 27, 2012 (elections for AY 2012-13 will held at this meeting)

3. Dean's Remarks: In response to the previous Collegiate Council meeting (on November 18th), which charged the Council with helping to "develop ways to present the research activities of the College to the rest of the university," Dean Thornton Dill offered additional clarification. Dean Thornton Dill is committed to raising the scholarly and research profile of ARHU. To that end, she has asked the Council to help devise ways to understand the following question: How do we describe research and scholarship conducted in the humanities to people outside of the humanities and outside of the university? Bernard Cooperman suggested an open forum on the humanities, which might be recorded into a podcast available through the ARHU website. Sam Kerstein suggested that Council members identify 1-2 faculty members in each department for video interviews or conversations on the subject as "case studies" that might be made available through the ARHU website. Walter Dallas informed the Council that the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC) has undertaken a "storyteller video" project, which might serve as an initial model for these interviews:

(<http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu/2010/c/engage09/storytellers>). Jeff McCune suggested that we might consider asking faculty members to conduct these interviews with

their colleagues. Edlie Wong suggested that the Council might come up with a set of standardized questions to be asked at each interview.

4. Charges for Next Meeting (January 27, 2012):

- Dean Thornton Dill asked that Council members come to the next meeting with 1. names of potential faculty interviewees for this public relations project and 2. questions that might be standardized for use in the interviews. Director of Communications Nicky Everette will attend the next meeting.
- The Administrative Council will hold its retreat over the winter break. Dean Thornton Dill shared the current draft of the Mission and Vision Statement with the Council, and asked that members contact her directly with any priorities and/or action items that might be added to the Mission and Vision Statement.