

## **Collegiate Council Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, September 18, 2020**

**Location: Zoom**

**Attendees:** Daryle Williams, Bonnie Thornton Dill, Thomas Zeller, Bayley Marquez, Daniel Zimmerman, Elizabeth Honig, Elsa Barkley Brown, Greg Staley, Jeffrey Lidz, Kathryn Thier, Lisa Nathans, Maxine Grossman, Nick Joyce, Richard Bell, Robert Burgard, Robert Chiles, Shannon Collis, Megan Weng, Michele Mason, Jordana Saggese, Thomas Zeller

**Guests:** Megan Weng, Nicky Everette, Kathy Cavanaugh, Lorraine Graham

### **Dean's Remarks**

The Dean thanked the Council members for agreeing to serve the College by representing their constituency and bringing ideas to and from their respective units. She also gave a special thank you to outgoing chair Jordana Saggese and vice chair Thomas Zeller.

The Dean reminded the Council that we are facing a difficult budget situation. The College is going to need to manage a 5% cut in the permanent budget and another large cut in the non-recurring budget (fund balances).

The Dean also provided updates on the return to the campus. The dorms are at 40% capacity housing about 4,000 students at this time.

### **Certification of Election Results for Graduate, Undergraduate and PTK Reps**

The following election results were certified by the Council. Two undergraduate students were added to the Council as Alternates: Saba Tshibaka and Kayleigh Gallagher. One graduate student was added as a Graduate Student Representative, Kathryn Thier, and one graduate student was added as an Alternate, Hannah Prescott. The Council also gained one PTK Faculty Representative: Robert Chiles from History.

### **Election of New Officers (Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair)**

The following results were unanimously supported by the Council via voice vote: Max Grossman (Chair), Daniel Zimmerman (Vice Chair) and Lisa Nathans (Secretary).

### **Report from Marketing and Communications & Feedback on Improvements to ARHU Website**

Nicky Everette updated the Council on the college-wide website upgrade project progress. The project is Phase 2; websites currently under development are in Art, Women's Studies, History, Communication, Art History and American Studies. Each website takes about 5 months to launch. Phase 3 will start soon and includes Philosophy, Jewish Studies and SLLC.

MarComm has been listening to Collegiate Council's requests for better web functionality for faculty and staff and is pleased to show you improvements made in this area.

Lorraine Graham gave a tour of the ARHU website's new and improved features geared towards faculty and staff. First, Lorraine demonstrated the new *Share Your News* feature, which would allow members of the ARHU community to easily share more about their accomplishments. Second, she showed [the Collegiate Council](#) and [Staff Council page](#) to the group. Third, she shared the lists of [Resources for Faculty](#) and [Resources for Staff](#). Going forward, Meeting Minutes will be posted to the Collegiate Council page. A *Help* feature has been added and will be deployed shortly.

It is important to note that ARHU site is undergoing usability testing. The assessment results will result in more changes based on those recommendations.

### **Approval of April 24th, 2020 Minutes**

The April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Review of MITH POO**

The MITH POO review has been tabled for the October 2020 meeting.

### **ARHU Faculty/Staff Town Hall with the President Planning Conversation**

On October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11am, President Pines will make himself available to the faculty and staff in the College. We are working to get the right messaging about these events to the faculty and staff. At this event, the Council should be prepared to think about what to ask of President Pines and how to educate him on ARHU.

### **Review of the ARHU Plan of Organization (role of CC and shared governance, discussion of goals for AY 2020-21)**

Max Grossman suggested the Council take a few minutes to review how the Collegiate Council fits into the College. Bonnie Thornton Dill then shared the ARHU Plan of Organization on the screen and reminded the Council of the College's structure, councils and committees.

In short, Collegiate Council is a key advisory council for the Dean. The Council is also for members to report local issues to the Dean and for members to share what they learn with their respective constituencies.

Max Grossman opened the floor to the Council and posed a few key questions:

- In thinking about the global-local systemic challenges we are facing, how can we create opportunities and possibilities for improvement?
- What's on hold right now?
- Where are the big transitions?
- What can we as a Council do to respond?
- What, if anything, is good right now?

To start the discussion, Bonnie Thornton Dill noted that the College started a standing Race, Equity and Justice Committee. The Committee is generally tasked with thinking about what an equitable, just College should look like.

A few Council members shared their thoughts in response to Max's questions. One faculty member noted that what's on hold right now is in-person communications, and that this lack of in-person communication is a barrier to transparency. One more faculty member said things were going pretty well in their unit, but it's been challenging to get information about student health and well-being across the digital divide.

Many Council members agreed it would be good to discuss the Learning Outcome Assessment (LOA) at a future meeting and that Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Ralph Bauer could be a good guest to invite.

### **Review of AY 2019-20 ARHU PCC Committee Activities Report**

The Council will revisit this topic at the October meeting and will take a voice vote on whether to accept the Report.

### **New Business**

**4:30pm: Adjournment.**