

Collegiate Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 29th, 2021, 2:00-3:30pm
Location: Zoom

Attendees: Maxine Grossman (Chair), Daniel Zimmerman (Vice-Chair), Lisa Nathans (Secretary), Andrea Frisch, Bayley Marquez, Elizabeth Honig, Grace Babukiika, Gregory Staley, Jeffrey Lidz, Kathryn Thier, Nick Joyce, Randy Ontiveros, Richard Bell, Robert Burgard, Robert Chiles, Shannon Collis, Stephanie Prichard, Bonnie Thornton Dill (Ex-Officio), Daryle Williams (Ex-Officio)

November 2020 Minutes

The November 2020 minutes were approved unanimously. One new Council member abstained due to not having attended the November meeting.

MITH POO Update

During the past month, MITH made the Council's requested changes to their POO and resubmitted it for the Council's consideration. The Council voted for accepting the POO updates. Chair Max Grossman will let MITH Director Trevor Muñoz know that the POO has been accepted.

Letter to President RE: Budget Decision-Making

The Council discussed whether to sign onto letter from Colleen O'Neal and the College of Education Senate regarding University budget decisions and shared governance (see Box). A few Council members expressed some apprehension about whether sending this letter is the best avenue for resolving this sort of matter. One member mentioned that the University Senate's Special Committee on University Finance has been established and is dedicated to increasing transparency in budget decisions.

Max Grossman put forth a proposal that she reply to Colleen O'Neal to express support for the importance of transparency and shared governance in financial decision-making. In this message, Max Grossman also will inform Colleen that the Council has declined to vote to sign on the letter at this time but that the Council will seek to learn more about the University's budgeting process. The Council voted in favor of this course of action.

Dean's Remarks

Dean Thornton Dill shared a few updates with the Council. First, the campus budget picture looks a little better than anticipated. The Dean reported that the State will not impose a mid-year budget cut for UMD. Other good news is that enrollments at UMD remain strong, applications are up, and the campus has saved money from not travelling. Looking forward, a COLA and a \$500 bonus (if budget expectations are met) are possibilities for employees. Second, a new (Interim) Provost Ann Wylie will start on Monday, February 1st. An internal search is underway for the new permanent Provost, and the hope is that a new Provost will be in place by Fall 2021. Third, the Outside Professional Activities (OPA) report process has been updated. A new system is being rolled out, and your unit head will be reviewing and approving your OPA. Lastly, faculty

should have received information about completing your annual faculty activity report in Digital Measures (formerly Activity Insight).

During the Dean's Remarks, Council members started a conversation about COVID's impact on scholarly output. Bayley Marquez, Randy Ontiveros and Nick Joyce offered to assist with this effort and to report to the Council at the next meeting.

2021 Annual College Forum/ Plenary

Vice Chair Dan Zimmerman walked through list of ideas collected thus far in the Council's Google doc.

Dan Zimmerman asked Council members to discuss and decide on an idea to pursue and to suggest individuals to invite. The Council honed on the first idea, *Closed-Mindedness and Creative-Mindedness*. Nick Joyce offered to reach out to Ari Kruglanski, author on a book on closed-mindedness.

Dan Zimmerman also requested the Council's input on when to hold the 2021 Forum/Plenary. The Council settled on the week following Spring Break being promising and Wednesday, March 24th seeming like a good target date.

Changes to the General Education Diversity Requirements

Max Grossman reminded the Council about possible changes to General Education Diversity requirements. Council members expressed a desire to learn more about these changes and look forward to hearing about what will change. The University Senate Committee will be considering the changes to the requirements this Spring.

Continuing the Learning Outcomes Assessments Conversation

Max Grossman reminded the Council about its conversation with Associate Provost Betsy Beise and ARHU Associate Dean Ralph Bauer in the Fall and asked the Council how to move forward. The Council settled on prioritizing other business, such as the Forum/Plenary, Professional Language for COVID Delays and Changes to the General Ed Diversity Requirements, over continuing the conversation on learning outcomes at this time.

3:30pm: Adjournment.