

Collegiate Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 19th, 2021, 1:30 to 3:00pm

Locations: 1102 Francis Scott Key and Zoom

Attendees: Caroline Wilkins (Chair), Matthew Suriano (Vice Chair), Shannon Collis (Secretary), Heather Bremenstuhl, Katherine Wasdin, Julie Gowin, Pamela A Orel, Stephanie Prichard, Jiyouon Kim, Andrea Marie Frisch, Sheila B. Lalwani, Robert Alan Burgard, Rachel Fredman, Kathryn Their, Harjit Bhogal, Linda Coleman, Emily Egan, Robert Chiles, Bayley Marquez, Elsa Barkley Brown, Helen Huang, Andrea Brown, Mikhail Dolbilov, Associate Dean Linda Aldoory, Dean Bonnie Thornton Dill

October 2021 Minutes

The Council voted to approve the October 2021 minutes with no abstentions.

Dean's Remarks

The Dean shared a few announcements with the Council. First, she shared that the Graduate School will raise graduate assistantship stipend base to \$21K. All but two units in our college will be impacted by this change, and this change will impact most students on our campus. Second, each ARTH unit will develop new workload policies this academic year. She encourages you to give her feedback. Third is that search for new Dean will be announced soon. Please plan to provide input and to share your recommendations for the position with the search firm.

Department of English Plan of Organization (POO) Discussion

After some discussion about English's POO, Heather-Erin Bremenstuhl, Katherine Wasdin and Julie Gowin agreed to serve on the review subcommittee. Linda Aldoory will join their work as well. Lauren Campbell will connect everyone and support their review. This subcommittee will report to the Council in January 2022.

Diversity Education Task Force (DETF) Report Discussion

The Council turned its attention to discussion of the DETF report in Box and the Collegiate Council's response.

One Council member mentioned that graduate students were not included in the DETF report creation process.

Linda Coleman mentioned that she is meeting with Associate Provost and Dean Bill Cohen on Tuesday, 11/23. A couple Council members mentioned may be good to bring up the Council's concerns through her. Council members can email her feedback as needed.

Multiple Council members agreed that changes to diversity education are important to discuss because these changes will profoundly impact ARHU departments.

One main issue with the DETF report is how quickly it was created. Not enough time was set aside for discussing the proposed changes.

A few Council members discussed and eventually agreed to establish a subcommittee to work on drafting a response to the report. Andrea Frisch, Elsa Barkley Brown, Kathryn Their and Caroline Wilkins volunteered to serve in this capacity.

Council members were encouraged to share any feedback or statements from their unit with the subcommittee. Additionally, our graduate student representative was invited to work through Dean's advisory board to convey any thoughts about DETF report.

Council members agreed that providing feedback on this report is our opportunity to shape the future of diversity education at the University.

Update on UMD Senate TTK Apportionment and Full-Time PTK Special Election

At the October meeting, the Council voted to eliminate the third UMD Senate seat for the three smallest units with three seats – School of Music, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures and School of Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies. Matthew Suriano and Lauren Campbell will relay that information to the affected units shortly.

Matthew Suriano and Lauren Campbell will circulate a call for nominations for the three vacant UMD Senate full-time PTK faculty seats before the Winter Break. Council members are encouraged to recommend PTK faculty members to self-nominate for this important work. The election will run during the first week of the Spring semester.

Spring 2022 Plenary Discussion

Council members began to discuss next steps for planning the Spring 2022 Plenary. First there is a need to decide on a date for the event. The Council agreed that later in the Spring semester would be better than earlier, and that Lauren Campbell will work on finding suitable date.

The Council started to discuss topics and agreed that this work could be continued in a Google document. Shannon Collis agreed to help start the document, and Lauren Campbell will help distribute it. The Council's goal is to settle on a date and topic by the January 28, 2022 Council meeting.

Update: At the December 17 ad-hoc Council meeting with the Dean's search firm, the Council decided to hold the Plenary on Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.