

## MINUTES OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 1 September 2021 @ 3:30

### REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call  
ASFC Present: Josh Habiger (STAT, Chair), Graig Uhlin (ENGL, Secretary), Eric Lopresti (P BIO), Eric Barker (THEA), Jim Knapp (GEO), Rachel Schmitz (SOC), Laura Talbott-Clark (MUSIC), Sarah Foss (HIST), Yolanda Vasquez (CHEM, Vice Chair), John Tetnowski (CDIS, proxy for Valerie Freeman), Jon Ellis (LANG), Joe Haley (PHYS), Kristin Oloffson (POLI), Misty Hawkins (PSYC), Johnson Thomas (CSCI), Andy Dzialowski (INBIO), Lisa Mantini (MATH), Apple Igrek (PHIL), Skye Cooley (MSC)  
  
ASFC Absent: Brandon Reese (ART)  
  
Administration Present: Dean Glen Krutz, Associate Dean Rebecca Brienen, Assistant Dean Craig Freeman, Associate Dean Kristen Baum, Associate Dean Andrew Doust  
  
Guests: Karen Neurohr (Faculty Council Secretary), Ki Cole (Faculty Council Vice Chair), Emma Draves (Equity Advocate), Gina Peek (Faculty Council Immediate Past Chair)
3. Approval of August 2021 Minutes  
Joe Haley motion, Misty Hawkins seconded  
Motion approved
4. Approval of the Agenda  
Yolanda Vasquez motion, Joe Haley seconded  
Motion approved
5. Committee Reports
  - a. College Policy and Planning – Kristin Olofsson  
Nothing to report
  - b. Curriculum, General Education and Extension – Joe Haley  
Has scheduled meeting times
  - c. Rules and Procedures – Lisa Mantini  
Nothing to report
  - d. Scholarship – Skye Cooley  
Nothing to report
  - e. Sabbatical Leave
  - f. Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion
  - g. Ad-Hoc Committee on NTT Faculty – Cynthia Francisco  
Nothing to report
6. ASFC Liaisons

Habiger stated that ASFC reports to Faculty Council and the Dean. ASFC and FC officers are working on methods for formalizing communication lines between groups. One method is an FC Liaison

- a. University Faculty Council – Vice Chair Ki Cole and Secretary Karen Neurohr
- b. Equity Advocates Council – Emma Draves

7. Deans Report

Offer to meet with officers of ASFC for more detailed reporting if requested.

Introduction of Andrew Doust as new Associate Dean of Instruction.

Expressed gratitude for additional burdens and responsibilities for teaching during COVID.

For spring 2020, masks can be required in labs provided it is indicated on the syllabus.

Will set-up a Canvas page for protocols and guidelines related to COVID procedures.

President Shrum advocating for mask and vaccine requirements with state officials.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- a. Potential Mechanisms for Communicating with Faculty Council

ASFC Vice Chair attends FC meetings

FC Vice Chair can attend ASFC meetings when requested

Direct communication between ASFC and FC councilors

ASFC can present report to FC

- b. Discussion on OSU Covid-19 policy

- i. masks

- ii. 2-week online / hybrid option / F2F option

- iii. contact tracing (<https://slate.okstate.edu/portal/alert?tab=instructions>)

Vasquez raised question about difficulties of enforcement (college regularly orders masks and can provide if supplies are low or insufficient)

Knapp raised concerns about displacing burden and liability to individual faculty members rather than instituting requirements at department/college level.

Seeking more communication so that students know that decisions about requirements following a positive case is a university policy rather than faculty discretion.

Schmitz raised question about mask counting, whether representatives are being sent into classrooms.

Talbott-Clark reiterated need for more university- and dean-level support for the burdens placed on enforcing these policies.

Lopresti raised concerns about impacts on research demands and tenure timelines for junior faculty. Extensions are available to junior faculty.

Additional support for faculty (tenure extensions, research reboot funds, course releases) as possibilities for faculty morale, raised by Hawkins.

Knapp asked about awareness of how many or how widely classes have been affected by the COVID protocols.

Cole and Peek encouraged faculty to communicate their questions and concerns informally, formally, or anonymously to FC councilors.

#### 10. Announcements

- a. Next meeting October 6 @ 3:30 via zoom.
- b. COVID Statistics and information
  - i. OSU COVID dashboard Aug 30, 2021 <https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/>
    1. 360 known active cases
    2. UHS percent positivity =  $\frac{\# \text{ positives}}{\# \text{ tested}} = 7.81\%$
  - ii. SPS on Aug 27: "...running up against our limits..."

#### 11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Haley, Mantini seconded

Motion approved