

ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 @ 3:30 Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Emily Graham (HIST, Vice-Chair), Monica Whitham (SOC, Interim Secretary), Eric Turcat (LANGLIT), Lisa Mantini (MATH), Rosemary Avance (SMSC, BHPP), Noha Youssef (MICR), Erin Murphy (MUSI), Brandon Spencer (NMS, NTT), Nataša Kaurin-Karača (AHUM, NTT), Michael Amory (ENGL), Rebekah Herrick (POLs), Jason Estala (TH), Andy Dzialowski (IB), Don Colley (GEOG), Jen Labrecque (SOCS, NTT), Sherri Norton (CDIS), James Knapp (GEOL), Cody Howard (PBEE)

Guests: Isabel Alvarez-Sancho (EA)

ASFC Absent: Ye Liang (STAT), Elijah Schnitzler (CHEM), Anirudh Paranjothi (CS), Pouya Jahanshahi (ART), Apple Igrek (PHIL)

Administration Present: Associate Dean Thad Leffingwell, Associate Dean Mario Borunda, Associate Dean Bobbi-Kay Lewis

3. Approval of March 2024 Minutes

March minutes were not yet available.

4. Approval of February 2024 Agenda

Murphy moved
Amory seconded
Agenda approved

5. Dean's Report – Dean Leffingwell

Dean Garbutt sends his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. Dr. Melinda Cro has been hired as our new dean. The Integrative Biology and Plant Biology, Ecology and Evolution departments will merge in summer 2025. The new department will be the Department of Biology. There will be no job elimination associated with the merger. There has been discussion of creating an interdisciplinary studies department. This will be discussed with the new dean.

6. ASFC Committee Reports

- a. College Policy and Planning – Pouya Jahanshahi

Absent, no report

- b. Rules and Procedures – Lisa Mantini

The most recent Policy and Procedures document with inclusion of non-tenure track faculty has been approved by Regents. The committee is continuing work on another draft with additional edits to remove gender references and use consistent language when referring to career track and non-tenure track faculty.

- c. Scholarship – Rosemary Avance

Selected Orange Gown recipient for Spring graduation.

- d. Curriculum, General Education, and Outreach – Andy Dzialowski

Starting spring business. Processing approx. 35 course action forms. Hope to complete spring business in April.

- e. NTT – Nataša Kaurin-Karača

Brandon will chair the committee next year. The committee is working on a survey of NTT faculty workload. Will select pillar representatives and finalize election procedures for NTT, and eventually will work on bylaws.

7. Other Committee Reports

- a. Equity Advocates – Isabel Alvarez-Sancho

Discussed EAC recommendation regarding recent changes to the former Office of Institutional Diversity (now called the “Division of Access and Community Impact”) and OSU’s new mission statement concerning DEI. See recommendation document for further details. EAC asked ASFC to consider endorsing the recommendation. Whitham moved that ASFC endorse the recommendation. Labrecque seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

- b. Bias and Harassment Ad Hoc Committee – Rosemary Avance

The committee is working on recommendations/discussions with the incoming Dean.

8. Unfinished Business

None.

9. New Business

- a. The council discussed nominations for next year's council (ASFC chair-line and secretary). Colley nominated for secretary. No nominations for chair-line. Tabled elections for both positions until May meeting. VC Graham noted that the chair-line position must be filled by a tenured faculty member.
- b. Assoc. Dean Leffingwell announced an upcoming happy hour or other celebration to thank Dean Garbutt for his service as interim dean. Details will be forthcoming.

10. Announcements

Next meeting will be May 1.

11. Adjournment