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**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
Undergraduate Council
Minutes from the February 11, 2014 Meeting**

In Attendance: In attendance: John Twyning (chair), Elizabeth Taylor (secretary), Jeff Aziz, Frank Beatrous, Rosemary Capo, Jeffrey Hildebrand, Andrew Lotz, Phil Smith, Christel Temple, Anne Weis, Judy McConnaha (ex officio)

Not attending: Janelle Greenberg, Melanie Popa, Cecile Sun, Akshaya Arjunan, Nuwan Perera, Simrath Randhawa, Enoch Tse

1. Minutes from the meeting of January 30, 2014 were approved.

2. New Business

Existing courses approved to fulfill General Education Requirements

HIST 0502 Afro-Latin America

- Historical Change

HIST 0756 Introduction to Islamic Civilization

- Historical Change

HIST 1108 Comparative European History

- Foreign Culture/International - Comparative

HIST 1114 Medieval Iberia: Conflicts and Encounters

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Comparative

HIST 1132 Contemporary Germany

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Regional

HIST 1225 Balkan History

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Comparative
- Non-Western Culture

HIST 1425 History of Medicine in China

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Regional
- Non-Western Culture

HIST 1541 Early Caribbean from Encounter to Emancipation

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Regional
- Non-Western Culture

HIST 1614 Civil War History

- Historical Change

HIST 1653 Cold War America

- Historical Change

HIST 1668 History of Pittsburgh

- Historical Change

HIST 1669 / AFRCNA 1538 History of Black Pittsburgh

- Historical Change

HIST 1695 Environmental Politics

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Global

HIST 1706 Global Pharmaceuticals

- Historical Change
- Foreign Culture/International - Global

HIST 1772 Race, Caste and Class in Global Perspective

- Historical Change

WOMNST 0100 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

- Social Science

WOMNST 0550 Sex and Sexualities

- Historical Change

**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Council
Minutes from the February 14, 2014 Meeting**

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp (Vice Chair), Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Kathleen Blee, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning, Executive Director for Staff Personnel and Senior Assistant Dean Michele Colvard, Professors Mark Abbott, Daniel Balderston, David Bartholomae, Kay Brummond, Carol Colby, Stephen Manuck, Scott Morgenstern, and Lester Olson, Lecturers Kathleen Allen and Geeta Kothari, Graduate Student Representatives David Bisaha and Woden Kusner, and Undergraduate Student Representative Ryan Orr

Not in Attendance: Professors Lisa Brush, Paul Glabicki, Kathleen Musante, and Jean-François Richard, Lecturer George Bandik, and Undergraduate Student Representative Robert Sica

1. Minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2014

Dean Cooper presented a draft of the minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2014. Professor Lester Olson (Communication) suggested revisions of his comments and Council accepted his suggestions. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as amended.

2. Dean's Report (Dean N. John Cooper)

The Dean reported that the Board of Trustees elected Dr. Patrick D. Gallagher as Chancellor Mark Nordenberg's successor. Dr. Gallagher is a Ph.D. graduate of the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.

Dean Cooper announced that three of five 2014 Chancellor's Distinguished Research Awards were given to Dietrich School faculty members: Associate Professor Nathaniel Rosi (Chemistry), Distinguished Professor Marcus Rediker (History), and Assistant Professor Jonathan Pruitt (Biological Sciences). Professor Robert Ruck (History) was a recipient of the 2014 Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award. University of Pittsburgh senior David Palm (Chemistry, History and Philosophy of Science, Chemical Engineering) was awarded a Churchill Scholarship; and the Dean reported that Professor Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski (French and Italian Languages and Literatures) was elected as a Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America.

3. Update on the Budget (Dean N. John Cooper)

The Dean reported that the operational budget is stable at a reduced level.

4. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean John Twyning)

Associate Dean John Twyning reported that the Dietrich School Undergraduate Council met twice since the last

Dietrich School Council meeting. At its January 30th meeting, Undergraduate Council reviewed a list of General Education courses that have historically low enrollment or have not been offered for at least five years and will discuss the list in greater detail later in the spring term. Undergraduate approved revisions to the following majors:

Italian Language and Literature major, honors

- 3.5 GPA or higher
- 25-30 page paper written in Italian and defended

Italian Studies major, honors

- 3.5 GPA or higher
- 10 page portfolio and formal summary describing their interdisciplinary studies

English Writing major

- Replace "advanced" courses in each track with 1000-level electives

Undergraduate Council approved the following existing courses to fulfill General Education Requirements:

ENGLIT 1135 Early Modern Literatures in English

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Historical Change

ENGLIT 1150 Enlightenment to Revolution

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Historical Change

ENGLIT 1170 The Romantic Period

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Historical Change

ENGLIT 1175 19th Century British Literature

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Historical Change

ENGLIT 1200 American Literature to 1860

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Historical Change

ENGLIT 1325 The Modernist Tradition

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- Historical Change

ENGLIT 1645 Critical Approaches to Children's Literatures

- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- MUSIC 1325 Music, Culture, and Technology
- The Arts
 - Historical Change
- THEA 0804 Theatre and Collaboration
- Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression
- COMMRC 1116 Rhetoric of American Counterculture
- Writing-intensive
- FR 1053 Global French
- Writing-intensive
- AFRCNA 1310 Cultures of Africa
- Social Science
 - Foreign Culture/International – Regional
 - Non-Western Culture
- AFRCNA 0787 Black Consciousness
- Philosophy
- HIST 0150 Making of Modern Ireland
- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Regional
- HIST 0430 Japan and the West
- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Regional
 - Non-Western Culture

At its February 11th meeting, Undergraduate Council approved the following existing courses to fulfill General Education Requirements:

- HIST 0502 Afro-Latin America
- Historical Change
- HIST 0756 Introduction to Islamic Civilization
- Historical Change
- HIST 1108 Comparative European History
- Foreign Culture/International – Comparative
- HIST 1114 Medieval Iberia: Conflicts and Encounters
- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Comparative
- HIST 1132 Contemporary Germany
- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Regional
- HIST 1225 Balkan History
- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Comparative
 - Non-Western Culture

HIST 1425 History of Medicine in China

- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Comparative
 - Non-Western Culture
- HIST 1541 Early Caribbean from Encounter to Emancipation
- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Comparative
 - Non-Western Culture
- HIST 1614 Civil War History
- Historical Change
- HIST 1653 Cold War America
- Historical Change
- HIST 1668 History of Pittsburgh
- Historical Change
- HIST 1669/AFRCNA 1538 History of Black Pittsburgh
- Historical Change (pending support from AFRCNA)
- HIST 1695 Environmental Politics
- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Global
- HIST 1706 Global Pharmaceuticals
- Historical Change
 - Foreign Culture/International – Global
- HIST 1772 Race, Caste and Class in Global Perspective
- Historical Change
- WOMNST 0100 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
- Social Science
- WOMNST 0550 Sex and Sexualities
- Historical Change

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

5. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Associate Dean Kathleen Blee)

Associate Dean Kathleen Blee reported that Graduate Council met on January 17, 2014 and discussed the significant undergraduate shift in course enrollments which has necessitated some shifts in TA/TF allocations this year. Graduate Council reviewed the new procedures for OMET surveys that were passed by the Undergraduate Council and expressed concern about the likely quality of written comments that will be provided by students who complete surveys on their phones. Graduate Council also reviewed the OMET survey used for graduate student instructors in recitations and labs and suggested modifications of some questions; these were sent to CIDDE.

The Graduate Council met again on February 11, 2014. Members reviewed and made final modifications to the placement survey of PhDs who graduated three years ago. Graduate Council reviewed draft suggestions from the ad hoc committee that is considering how to strengthen graduate student instruction and suggested that the committee develop measures to assess the outcomes of any changes. They supported the idea of an enhanced TA/TF Mentor position that would include responsibility for providing formative feedback to new TAs.

Graduate Council reviewed the Individual Development Plan on-line model that has been developed to provide career guidance for graduate student in the Natural Sciences in compliance with NIH expectations and suggested topics for the AY 2015 Professional Socialization Series that is sponsored by Graduate Studies. Associate Dean Blee asked members of Council to send her any ideas for topics of future Professional Socialization Series. Professors Brummond (Chemistry) and Colby (Neuroscience) suggested advertising the Series to all faculty, who could then encourage students to attend. Professor Balderston (Hispanic Languages and Literatures) suggested doing another Series on the academic job market.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

6. Open Access report and recommendation

Dean Cooper reintroduced to Council a motion on changes to the University's copyright policy allowing Open Access that was tabled by Council on March 18, 2013. The Dean explained that the intended purpose of proposed changes to the existing policy is broader dissemination of scholarly journals but that members of Council last year were uncomfortable with several aspects of the proposal, including the types of materials to be deposited in the repositories and the effect of a University-retained license on publication items such as musical compositions and recordings, poems, novels, and artwork.

Professor Balderston (Hispanic Languages and Literatures) expressed his support for Open Access and described how Open Access has simplified his search for scholarly works, particularly older works. Professors Morgenstern (Political Science) and Bartholomae

(English) expressed concern for the viability of peer reviewed journals if Open Access was allowed. Professor Balderston explained that recent publications may not be on the repository because of copyright policies and recognized that the meaning of "scholarly article" differs from discipline to discipline. After further discussion, members of Council decided to invite to the next meeting a representative from the library and other faculty members who may be able to provide valuable insight into Open Access.

7. Other Business

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Council Minutes from the March 5, 2014 Meeting

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp (Vice Chair), Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Kathleen Blee, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning, Executive Director for Staff Personnel and Senior Assistant Dean Michele Colvard, Professors Mark Abbott, Daniel Balderston, David Bartholomae, Kay Brummond, Lisa Brush, Carol Colby, Stephen Manuck, Scott Morgenstern, Lester Olson, and Jean-François Richard, Lecturers Kathleen Allen and George Bandik, Graduate Student Representatives David Bisaha and Woden Kusner, Undergraduate Student Representatives Ryan Orr and Robert Sica, and guests Hillman University Library Director Rush Miller and Professor Deane Root

Not in Attendance: Professors Paul Glabicki and Kathleen Musante, and Lecturer Geeta Kothari

1. Minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2014

Dean Cooper presented a draft of the minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2014. Professor Dan Balderston (Hispanic Languages and Literatures) and Senior Lecturer Kathleen Allen noted two errors. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as amended.

2. Dean's Report (Dean N. John Cooper)

The Dean reported that Professors Marlene Cohen (Neuroscience), Sergey Frolov (Physics and Astronomy), and Michael Neilan (Mathematics) received 2014 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowships. Department Administrator Christine Metil (Slavic Languages and Literatures) was a recipient of a 2014 Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence in Service to the University and to the Community. Program Director Diane Litman (Intelligent Systems) received a 2014 Google Faculty Research Award. Lecturer Charles Jones (Geology and Planetary Science) and Professor Rick Relyea (Biological Sciences) are winners of the 2014 Tina and David Bellet Teaching Excellence Award.

3. Update on the Budget (Dean N. John Cooper)

The Dean reported that the operational budget is stable at a reduced level.

4. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean John Twyning)

Associate Dean John Twyning reported that the Dietrich School Undergraduate Council has not met since the last Council meeting.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

5. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Associate Dean Kathleen Blee)

Associate Dean Kathleen Blee reported that Graduate Council has not met since the last Council meeting.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

6. Discussion: OMET Surveys (Undergraduate Student Representatives Ryan Orr and Robert Sica)

Undergraduate Student Representative and Student Government Board's Academic Affairs Chair Robert Sica reviewed with Council the Student Government Board Academic Affairs Committee's initiative to publish OMETs as a means to increase student participation by allowing students to view credible survey results, as opposed to Web sites like ratemyprofessors.com. Undergraduate Student

Representative Ryan Orr explained that peer institutions like Boston College publish similar instructor surveys and provided an example for Council to review.

Representative Sica asked members for comments. Professor Colby (Neuroscience) was interested to see data correlating an increase in student participation and published survey results. Dean Cooper pointed out that the current OMET system is designed for feedback to faculty and administration, rather than to students. In response to concerns about irrelevant insults being published, Representative Sica pointed out that some peer institutions publish the objective portions of the survey and use an opt-in system for subjective portions. Other concerns included the initiative's application to graduate student teachers and using more objective metrics—such as student GPAs. Some members expressed a desire to have a survey with more institutional control and credibility than having students resort to Web sites like ratemyprofessors.com.

7. Discussion: Open Access report and recommendation with special guests Hillman University Library Director Rush Miller and Professor Deane Root

Dean Cooper introduced Hillman University Library Director Rush Miller and guest Professor Deane Root (Music; a former Council member). Director Miller gave a brief history of, and the purpose of, the draft of the Open Access report and recommendation. He clarified that the policy would allow the University to retain an irrevocable but limited license for scholarly journal articles—not books, artwork, music, etc. The University would seek permission from specific journals to publish articles in the University's repository, or would simply link the journal article to the repository. Faculty members could also choose to submit an unpublished version of their scholarly articles. Extensive discussion ensued. Following the discussion, Professor Balderston proposed the motion below.

Resolved: The Dietrich School endorses the proposed changes in the University copyright policy to allow the University Library System to implement an open access repository for scholarly articles by the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with one abstention.

8. Other Business

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.