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Dietrich School Council Minutes of the February 28, 2017 Meeting

In Attendance: N. John Cooper (Chair), Daniel Berkowitz, Kathleen Blee, Michele Colvard Sabine von Dirke, Sam Donovan, Michael Goodhart, Josh Hanley, Lina Insana, Sung Kyu Jung, Jim Knapp, Adam Leibovich, Jeffery Newman, Michael Rerick, John Twyning, Katherine Wolfe

Not in Attendance: Reid Andrews, Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski, Brandon Fawcett, Jessica Hatherill, Milica Hayden, Adriana Helbig, Jeffrey Hildebrand, Charles Lwanga, Christel Temple

1. Minutes of the Dietrich School Council meeting held on December 16, 2016

The minutes for the meeting held on December 16, 2016 were reviewed. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved with no changes required.

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

Dean Cooper highlighted several achievements by Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences faculty, past and present. These achievements include:

- Deborah Gillotti (A&S '77) has been named the 2016 recipient of the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes her exceptional professional accomplishments and dedication to the University of Pittsburgh and Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences. Gillotti was honored at the Dietrich School December Graduation Ceremony on December 18, 2016, for which she delivered the keynote address
- University of Pittsburgh alumnus Daniel Borzutzky has won the 2016 National Book Award for Poetry. Given by the National Book Foundation, presented at the 67th annual National Book Awards Ceremony and Benefit Dinner in New York City. Widely considered the nation's highest literary honor, the National Book Award recognizes outstanding works by U.S. citizens who have published the winning

title within the last calendar year. The award is bestowed annual in the fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and young people's literature categories.

- Jeanne Marie Laskas, professor and director of The Writing Program in the University of Pittsburgh English Department, penned an article *To Obama With Love, and Hate, and Desperation*, which was a front-page feature in the *New York Times*.
- Anthony Novosel, an Undergraduate Advisor and Senior Lecturer in the Department of History, was awarded the 2017 Chancellor's Distinguished Award for Public Service.
- Cindy Skrzycki, a Senior Lecturer from the Department of English, and Sean Garret-Roe, an Assistant Professor from the Department of Chemistry, were both awarded the 2017 Chancellor's Distinguished Award for Teaching.
- Haitao Liu, an Associate Professor from the Department of Chemistry, was selected to receive a 2017 Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award in the Junior Scholar category.
- Dawn Lundy Martin (Professor) and Terrance Hayes (Co-Director for the Center for African American Poetry and Politics), both from the English Department, have been selected to serve on the Board of Directors for the *Cave Canem*.

3. Reorganization of the College of General Studies (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper reported to the Council on the restructuring of academic and staff leadership within the College of General Studies. An Assistant Dean will be recruited who will chair the CGS Council and report to Associate Dean Twyning. Council will focus on academic quality of new majors and programs both in planning new majors and in terms of educational outcomes achieved by students. A search is continuing for a new Director of the McCarl Center, who will oversee the CGS staff who support students and the programs. The position of Associate Dean for the College of General Studies has been eliminated.

4. Update on the Year of Diversity (Associate Dean Kathleen Blee)

Dean Blee presented to the committee an initiative to diversify the Dietrich School's academic leadership; the primary strategy is to provide transparency in the process of recruiting academic leadership. Examples of the steps recommended to create transparency are:

- Clear descriptions of responsibilities/job duties for academic leadership
- An open nomination process distributed to Dietrich School faculty
- A transparent selection process
- Implicit bias training
- Mentoring protocol
- An annual discussion-based workshop

Dean Blee informed the committee that the rollout for this initiative will be coming later this spring.

5. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean John Twynning)

Due to the cancellation of the January Council Meeting, Dean Twynning provided the committee with updates from three Dietrich School Undergraduate Council meetings.

January 11, 2017

The Undergraduate Council discussed changes to the questions provided on OMET surveys. Dean Blee, Director of Special Projects and Initiatives Rebecca Roadman, and Student Government Board representative Joseph Kannarkat were also in attendance.

The Architectural Studies program presented a proposal to create a new BS in Architecture. This proposal was approved unanimously.

Lastly, several existing courses were approved to fulfill the General Education Requirements, beginning in fall 2017.

Those courses are:

- HIST 1049 Retribution, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation in Postwar Europe
- HIST 0201 The Baltic Sea From the Vikings to Post-Soviet Re-Union
- RELGST 1102 History of God
- RELGST 1770 / PHIL 1840 / HPS 0620 Science and Religion
- RELGST 1370 Global Christianity
- RELGST 1455 Islam in Europe

- RELGST 1475 Religious Diversity
- ENGWRT 1200 Travelers Journal
- PHIL 0275 Introduction to Chinese Philosophy
- ENGLIT 0613 Asian American Literature
- ENGLIT 0506 How to Do Things with Literature 2
- ENGLIT 0637 Horror Literature

February 1, 2017

Dean Twynning and Dean Blee hosted an open meeting of the joint councils to address changes to questions on the OMET course evaluations.

February 15, 2017

During the February 15 meeting several existing courses were approved to fulfill the General Education Requirements, beginning in fall 2017.

Those courses are:

- RELGST 1665 Anthropology of Religion
- AFRCNA 1250 Black Europe
- PS 1378 Building Democracy around the World
- PS 1324 US-Latin American Relations
- GSWS 1460 Gender, Sexuality, and Childhood in a Global Context
- HIST 0663/AFRCNA 0536 20th Century African American Women's History

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

Due to the cancellation of the January Council Meeting, Dean Blee provided the committee with updates from two Dietrich School Graduate Council meetings.

January 23, 2017

During this session of the Graduate Council, the discussion was devoted to a proposal to create a new PhD program in Critical European Cultural Studies. The Council suggested several revisions and modifications before it is returned to Council for a formal vote.

February 1, 2017

As previously reported, Dean Twynning and Dean Blee hosted an open meeting of the joint councils to address changes to questions on the OMET course evaluations.

7. Discussion of the Tenure Criteria (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper concluded the meeting by initiating a discussion pertaining to the Dietrich School's tenure criteria, and posed the question of whether adjustments should be made to the promotion and tenure statement. Members of the committee voiced concerns over interdisciplinary collaboration, as well as addressing the difficulty of obtaining external letters. These concerns led to a robust discussion, and this conversation will be continued during the next Dietrich School Council meeting.

8. Other Business

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Faculty Personnel Actions

APPOINTMENTS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Heath Cabot
Assistant Professor
January 1, 2017

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Ping An
Visiting Research Assistant Professor
November 1, 2016

Martin Turcotte
Assistant Professor
January 1, 2017

CHEMISTRY

Tae Hoon Choi
Research Assistant Professor
February 13, 2017

Michelle Morgan
Visiting Lecturer
January 1, 2017

Shervin Sammak
Research Assistant Professor
January 1, 2017

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Danielle Andrews-Brown
Lecturer
January 1, 2017

MATHEMATICS

Roman Fedorov
Assistant Professor
January 1, 2017

MUSIC

Olivia Bloechl
Professor w/tenure
March 1, 2017
Visiting Professor
January 1, 2017

CHANGES IN RANK

COMMUNICATION

Olga Kuchinskaya
Promoted, Associate Professor w/tenure
January 1, 2017

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Alexandros Labrinidis
Promoted, Professor
April 1, 2017

ENGLISH

Adam Lowenstein
Promoted, Professor
December 1, 2016

Dawn Martin
Promoted, Professor
November 1, 2016

Shalini Puri
Promoted, Professor
December 1, 2016

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Josef Werne
Promoted, Professor
March 1, 2017

HISTORY

Diego Holstein
Promoted, Professor
February 1, 2017

PSYCHOLOGY

Anna Marsland
Promoted, Professor
April 1, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES**HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

Kirk Savage
Appointed, Acting Chair
January 1 – April 30, 2017

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Jonathan Woon
Appointed, Acting Chair
January 1 – August 31, 2017

SABBATICALS/LEAVES OF ABSENCE**ANTHROPOLOGY**

Margaret Judd
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Walter Carson
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Karen Curto
Leave of Absence
January 4 – March 14, 2017

Paula Grabowski
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Eric Polinko
Leave of Absence
March 6 – May 28, 2017

Corinne Zawacki
Leave of Absence
January 12 – March 22, 2017

CHEMISTRY

William Childers
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

Dennis Curran
Leave of Absence
December 1, 2016 – June 1, 2017

William Horne
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

Peng Liu
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

Michelle Ward
Leave of Absence
September 1 – December 31, 2016

CLASSICS

Jacques Bromberg
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Rami Melhem
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Daniel Mossé
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – December 31, 2017

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Kun Qian
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Cecile Sun
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Yi Xu
Leave of Absence
January 1 - June 9, 2017

ECONOMICS

Daniele Coen-Pirani
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Sofia Moroni
Leave of Absence
January 27 – April 6, 2017

Marla Ripoll
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Roe Teper
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

ENGLISH

Mark Anderson
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Susan Andrade
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Tyler Bickford
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Colin Maccabe
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Ryan McDermott
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Michael Meyer
Leave of Absence
January 1 – December 31, 2017

Shalini Puri
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Anjali Sachdeva
Leave of Absence
January 17 – March 27, 2017

FRENCH AND ITALIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Neil Doshi
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

GERMAN

John Lyon
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

HISPANIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Maria Nardone
Leave of Absence
November 15, 2016 – April 30, 2017

Aurea Sotomayor
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

HISTORY

Raja Adal
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

Niklas Frykman
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

Laurence Glasco
Leave of Absence
January 5 – March 29, 2017

Irina Livezeanu
Leave of Absence
January 23 – April 30, 2017

Pernille Roegel
Leave of Absence
December 1, 2016 – February 8, 2017

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

James Woodward
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Barbara McCloskey
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Mrinalini Rajagopalan
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

LINGUISTICS

Marta Ortega-Llebaria
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

William Price, III
Leave of Absence
January 27 – March 2, 2017

MATHEMATICS

Daniel Hockensmith
Leave of Absence
January 26 – May 31, 2017

Jeremiah Morgan
Leave of Absence
January 16 – February 14, 2017

MUSIC

Andrew Weintraub
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

NEUROSCIENCE

Anthony Grace
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

PHILOSOPHY

Japa Pallikkathayil
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Joseph Boudreau
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Tae Min Hong
Leave of Absence
September 1 – September 28, 2016

David Nero
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

David Turnshek
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Steven Finkel
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Ronald Linden
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Kaoru Shimizu
Leave of Absence
January 1 – March 11, 2017

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Milica Hayden
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2017

Paula Kane
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

STATISTICS

Kehui Chen
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2017

Paul Noroski
Leave of Absence
November 27 – December 31, 2016

David Stoffer
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

THEATRE ARTS

Kathleen George
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2017

RETIREMENT

COMMUNICATION

William Fusfield
Associate Professor Emeritus
January 31, 2017

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Peter Machamer
Professor
January 4, 2017

MATHEMATICS

Neale Hahn
Lecturer
March 1, 2017

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Jonathan Hurwitz
Professor Emeritus
January 8, 2017

RESIGNATION

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Nathan Morehouse
Assistant Professor
December 31, 2016

ENGLISH

Adriana Ramírez
Lecturer
December 31, 2016

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Dominique Johnson
Visiting Instructor
December 31, 2016

NEUROSCIENCE

Bitá Moghaddam
Professor
February 28, 2017

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Regina Schulte-Ladbeck
Professor Emerita
January 3, 2017