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 Twyning)**

Due to the cancellation of the January Council Meeting, Dean Twyning 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 Twyning 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 Twyning 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

### 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

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

- **Roee 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 Roege**  
  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

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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
Bita Moghaddam
Professor
February 28, 2017

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY
Regina Schulte-Ladbeck
Professor Emerita
January 3, 2017