

# The DIETRICH School of Arts & Sciences Gazette

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## Dietrich School Council Minutes of the March 18, 2020 Meeting

**Council Members present:** Dean Kathleen Blee (Chair), Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Kay Brummond (Vice Chair); Elected Members: Carol Colby, Yolanda Covington-Ward, Chloe Hogg, Melanie Hughes, Scott Kiesling, Andrew Lotz, Dawn McCormick, Chris Nygren, Valerie Oke, Andrew Zentner; Divisional Chair Representatives: David Huffman, John Lyon, Josef Werne; Graduate Student Representatives: Tiffany Betras

**Council Members not present:** Elected Members: Lillian Chong and Robert Ruck; Graduate Student Representatives: Deborah Danuser and Louis Wilson; Student Government Board Representatives: Nina Duong and Nurga Ramachandran

**Dean's Office Personnel present:** Executive Director of Undergraduate Studies Jessica Hatherill, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Holger Hoock, Associate Dean for Faculty Recruitment and Research Development Adam Leibovich, Senior Advisors to the Dean on DEI Tara Meyer, Executive Director for Staff and Senior Assistant Dean Michele Montag, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twynning and Administrative Coordinator Alyson Sved.

**Council Guest:** Director of Administration of Justice & Legal Studies Programs, Wesley Hiers

### 1. Minutes of the Dietrich School Council meeting held on January 16th, 2020.

The minutes of the January 16th, 2020 Dietrich School Council meeting were distributed electronically, moved, seconded, and approved.

### 2. Dean's Report (Dean Kathleen Blee)

Dean Blee shared the Dietrich School's major accomplishments since the previous Council meeting.

The highlights are listed below:

- Jamie Hanson, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Research Scientist at the Learning Research and Development Center (LRDC), received the 2019 American Psychological Foundation Robert L. Fantz Memorial Award.
- Nicole Mitchell, Dietrich Professor of Jazz Studies in the Department of Music was named a 2020 USA Fellow by United States Artists. The award includes a \$50,000 unrestricted fellowship.
- Terence Smith, Mellon Professor in the Department of History of Art and Architecture was elected as a Board Member Emeritus for the Carnegie Museum of Art.
- Anjali Sachdeva, Lecturer in Department of English, was named a Literature Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).
- Robert Brandom, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, book, *A Spirit of Trust: A Reading of Hegel's Phenomenology*, won the Jean-Pierre Barricelli Prize for the year's best book in the field of Romanticism studies.
- The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) announced that Pitt's Study Lab: *Revolutionizing the Story of Academic Success* won the 2020 Silver Accolades Award under Institutional Marketing Identity/Branding Programs.
- B. Guy Peters, Maurice Falk Professor of Political Science, won the Anniversary Medal from Comenius University.
- Áurea María Sotomayor-Miletti, Professor of Hispanic Languages and Literatures won the essay category international award from the Casa de Las Américas, in La Habana, Cuba.
- Michael Hatridge, Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy, received a 2020 Alfred Sloan Research Fellowship.

Dean Blee recommended that the Dietrich School Full Faculty meeting scheduled for Monday, March 30th be cancelled due to the COVID-19 emergency. She explained that the election would take electronically, via Qualtrics. The agenda for the spring Full Faculty meeting will be moved to the fall 2020 meeting. The committee members voted to approve canceling the meeting.

Dean Blee praised the University's higher administration for responsiveness to the School's issues as we adapted to remote instruction and work. Dean Blee asked the committee to share questions or any major issues.

### **3. Assessment of Teaching Recommendations to Provost (Dean Blee)**

The committee voted and agreed to discuss this item at the next Council meeting on April 14th, 2020.

### **4. Nominating Committee (Dean Blee)**

Dean Blee reminded the committee that nominations for the Dietrich School Nominating Committee will be collected over the summer.

### **5. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Associate Dean Holger Hoock)**

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Council met on February 13, 2020. Council reviewed and approved the report of the subcommittee that had reviewed TA/TF training and practices in the Department of Linguistics. Associate Dean Hoock provided background on the Dietrich School's priority of fostering a culture of support for graduate students' ambitious pursuit of external fellowships and updated Council on new and emerging resources and incentive mechanisms to further encourage external fellowship capture.

Council next revisited the Vice Provost Urban's request for school-level plans to assess the quality of graduate mentoring, reviewed a mentoring assessment survey shared by the Department of Psychology, and recommended delaying a school-wide mentoring assessment plan for further consultation next academic year.

Associate Dean Hoock will instead share with the Vice Provost this term the rubric for the Dietrich School's new mentoring award and any assessment tools shared by departments.

Associate Dean Hoock further updated Council on current DSAS strategic planning efforts and updates to the university budget model and encouraged Council members

to engage with ongoing consultative exercise for the Plan for Pitt 2025.

Finally, Associate Dean Hoock announced that the proposal he submitted with co-PIs from SSOE and SCI for a Chancellor's Special Cycle Seed Grant, "Culturally Sensitive Sexual Misconduct Prevention Programming for International Graduate and Professional Students," received full funding.

The report from the Dietrich School Graduate Council was motioned, seconded, and approved.

### **6. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean John Twyning)**

Associate Dean Twyning shared highlights from the Dietrich School Undergraduate Council report. The highlights included that students will now be able to overlap up to 8 credits to count toward multiple majors or minors.

Associate Dean Twyning introduced guest Wesley Hiers to discuss the history of the new Law, Criminal Justice, and Society major. Wesley Hiers explained how this major is offered by both the Dietrich School and the College of General studies in the same format.

Dean Blee thanked Associate Dean Twyning and Wesley Hiers. She invited the committee to ask questions and share concerns.

Associate Dean Twyning invited committee member, Andrew Lotz, to briefly discuss the new Data Science major. Andrew Lotz explained that the major is collaborative with the School of Computing and Information and that it is in high demand.

Council voted to approve the report from Undergraduate Council.

### **7. Report on the College of General Studies (Associate Dean Twyning)**

Associate Dean Twyning invited Executive Director of Undergraduate Studies, Jessica Hatherill, to discuss revisions made to non-College of General Studies credits. Executive Director Hatherill explained that the revisions were made to attract nontraditional students and that they will go into effect fall 2020.

## 8. Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47pm.

**January 14, 2020**

### Individual courses to fulfill General Education Requirements

- SPAN 1442 Indios Chinos, Inca Witches, African Healers, Jewish Conspirators, and Old Christians: Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Differences in Colonial Latin America
  - Specific Geographic Region
- ENGLIT 0318 Writing (in) Paris
  - Literature
  - Specific Geographic Region
- JS 1295 Jews and the American Cinema
  - The Arts
- SPAN 1427 Transatlantic Hispanic Literature and Culture
  - Literature
  - Specific Geographic Region
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness
- SPAN 1459 Mapping the Female Body: A cultural Approach to Women's Health in the Hispanic World
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness
- LING 1470 Dying and Endangered Languages
  - Diversity
  - Global Issues
- LING 1951 Languages of the World
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness
- FR 1022 Creative Writing Workshop
  - Literature
  - Creative Work
- HUN 0120 Hungarian Culture Through Conversation
  - Specific Geographic Region
- ITAL 0103 Italian Language and Culture 3
  - Specific Geographic Region

- ITAL 0113 Modern and Contemporary Culture
  - Specific Geographic Region
- ITAL 0089 History of Italian Cinema
  - The Arts
  - Specific Geographic Region

**February 11, 2020**

### Individual courses to fulfill General Education Requirements

- HIST 1660 Gender and Sexuality in the US to 1865
  - Diversity
  - Historical Analysis
- HIST 1677 American Jewish Experience
  - Diversity
- HIST 0672 Native and Newcomers
  - Diversity
  - Historical Analysis
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness
- HIST 1471 Water in Central Eurasia
  - Historical Analysis
  - Geographic Region
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness
- HIST 1628 The Black West
  - Diversity
  - Historical Analysis
- HIST 1694 The Plastic Age
  - Historical Analysis

**February 25, 2020**

### **New Law, Criminal Justice, and Society major, joint with the College of General Studies**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal for a new joint major in Law, Criminal Justice, and Society. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Programs for final approval.

### **Retirement of the existing Administration of Justice major**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal to retire the existing Administration of Justice major. Students will not be permitted to declare this major after fall 2021. Students are expected to complete this major by the end of summer 2028. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Programs for final approval.

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### **New LCJS subject code for courses in the Law, Criminal Justice, and Society major**

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**March 17, 2020**

### **Revision to the credit overlap policy**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a revision to the credit overlap policy. The new policy goes into effect for fall 2020; the revised policy follows.

### **Overlapping Credits**

- Up to eight credits may be overlapped between any two majors, two certificates, and/or a major and certificate.
- Up to eight credits may be overlapped between a major and minor and/or certificate and minor.
- Up to four credits may be overlapped between two minors.

Allowable Overlap across Academic Plans	Major	Certificate	Minor
Major	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits
Certificate	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits
Minor	8 credits	8 credits	4 credits

### **Revision to the grade requirement for the Theatre Arts major**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a revision to the grade requirement for Theatre Arts majors. The new requirement goes into effect for fall 2020; the revised requirement follows.

### **Grade Requirements**

A minimum cumulative average of a C (2.0) or better in all departmental courses and any individual class required of the major must be at least a C- (1.75) or better.

### **Individual courses to fulfill new General Education Requirements**

- THEA 0505 Enjoy Performances
  - Diversity
- HPS 1624 Development of Scientific Medicine
  - Historical Analysis
- HUN 1615 Outsiders on the Margins: The Aftermath of Socialism on Film
  - Diversity
  - Historical Analysis
  - Specific Geographic Region
- FR 1025 The Idea of France
  - Specific Geographic Region
- ITAL 1084 Intercultural Piazza
  - Diversity
  - Specific Geographic Region
- COMMRC 1170 Cross-Cultural Communication
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness

**January 13, 2020**

### **Updates to the College of General Studies**

Dean Twynning discussed the recent changes in the College of General Studies and outlined plans for updating academic programs to meet the needs of its student body in a more appropriate and focused manner.

February 21, 2020

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### **Elimination of the 18-credit limit on professional course credits**

The College of General Studies Council approved a measure to eliminate the limit of 18 professional course credits which can be applied toward a degree in the College of General Studies. This change will become effective in fall 2020.

## **Dietrich School Council Minutes of the April 28, 2020 Meeting**

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#### **2. Dean's Report (Dean Kathleen Blee)**

Dean Blee shared the Dietrich School's major accomplishments since the previous Council meeting. The highlights are below:

- Kathryn Fleisher, student in the Department of Philosophy, has been awarded a 2020 Harry S. Truman Scholarship. She's one of only 62 college students in the country to win the prestigious award and the 13th in Pitt's history. The competitive national scholarship awards \$30,000 for two to three years of graduate study.

- Yona Harvey, Assistant Professor in the Department of English, received a poetry fellowship from the George A. and Eiiza Gardner Howard Foundation at Brown University for the 2020-21 academic year. Harvey has won a fellowship in the poetry category.
- Graham Hatfull, Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, was elected as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Dean Blee praised the Dietrich School faculty for their rapid response to remote teaching. She reported that admissions for the first year class look strong at this point, that the Dietrich School is participating in discussions regarding logistics of returning to campus when that is allowed, and that the Dietrich School will host an in-person gathering to welcome faculty and staff back to campus and recognize those who made particularly heroic efforts to support our mission during the pandemic crisis.

### **3. Nominating Committee (Dean Blee)**

The Nominating Committee is charged with finding candidates to run for all committees in the Dietrich School. The process has been streamlined to be more efficient and the overall task of Nominating Committee has been aided by Next Step Alerts.

Dean Blee explained that the slate needs three Tenure/Tenure Stream faculty and two Appointment Stream faculty for each division. She asked Council members to please submit candidate names to Alyson Sved.

### **4. Assessment of Teaching Recommendations to Provost (Dean Blee)**

Dean Blee addressed questions and concerns pertaining to each of the teaching recommendations to the Provost. These recommendations were created prior to the remote teaching shift for COVID-19 and will be revisited in the fall, once more information is available about remote learning from the spring and summer semesters. Council was asked to share thoughts on the recommendations in the report. Council discussed the value of a repository for all forms of teaching assessment, in addition to the OMETS and the need to consider how teaching evaluations will be handled during future evaluations in uncertain situations.

### **5. Change in Minutes Approval Process (Dean Blee)**

Dean Blee proposed an email voting and approval process for Council meeting minutes. The council agreed and the process was approved.

### **6. Faculty Grants Committee Election (Associate Dean Holger Hooch)**

Associate Dean Hooch shared the role of the Faculty Grants Committee and explained that the committee will begin to meet once per semester, starting this fall.

Council members will vote electronically, and the results of the election will be included in the May 2020 Gazette.

### **7. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Associate Dean Hooch)**

Graduate Council met via Zoom on April 23, 2020. Council approved a proposal from the Department of Statistics to reduce the credit requirements for its four master's programs from 33 to 30 credits so as to bring requirements in line with those of peer programs.

Council also approved a proposal from the Department of Chemistry to create five new Areas of Concentration (ARCOs) to represent a formalization of existing disciplinary emphases. Council next received and approved the response of the Department of English to Council's consultative review of TATF orientation, training, and support practices.

Associate Dean Hooch then updated Council in detail on the University's and Dietrich School's responses to the global pandemic with regard to graduate students. He highlighted the significant and collaborative efforts of graduate students and faculty in response to the global pandemic and acknowledged the disruption to many research programs as students collaborate with advisors and committees to adjust and maintain momentum as feasible, the additional challenges faced by graduate students juggling childcare, and concerns that come with separation from wider family and other support networks, especially for our international students.

Associate Dean Hooch provided detailed updates, and responded to members' queries, pertaining to communications and general resources for graduate students, including in support of graduate student mental health; Office of Graduate Studies remote operations; the pivot to remote instruction; continuity of research and of summer research funding without travel; a strictly opt-in protocol for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees to

be considered for research-related essential tasks in science labs; University-level emergency support; and scenario planning for summer clinical experiences, research ramp-up, and fall-term instruction. Finally, Associate Dean Hoock thanked all members of Council for their service throughout the year and especially during recent trying times.

Associate Dean Hoock also noted that eight DSAS Graduate Students have been awarded NSF GRFs. Robin Zwier, Department of Communication, won an AAUW Dissertation Fellowship.

The report from the Dietrich School Graduate Council was motioned, seconded, and approved.

#### **8. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean John Twynning)**

Associate Dean Twynning shared highlights from the Dietrich School Undergraduate Council report. He then discussed updates on the new majors and certificates listed in the Dietrich School Undergraduate Council Report. Council voted to approve the report from the Undergraduate Council.

#### **9. Report on the College of General Studies (Associate Dean Twynning)**

The College of General Studies Council has not met since February 21, 2020. There is no new report.

#### **10. Other Business**

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

### **Dietrich School Undergraduate Council Report**

**March 31, 2020**

#### **Managing Creative Industries Certificate**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal for a new Managing Creative Industries Certificate. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Programs for final approval.

#### **Television and Broadcast Arts Certificate**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal for a new Television and Broadcast Arts Certificate. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Programs for final approval.

#### **Computational Social Science major**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal for a new Computational Social Science major. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Programs for final approval.

#### **Sports Studies Certificate**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal for a new Sports Studies Certificate. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Programs for final approval.

#### **Individual courses to fulfill new General Education Requirements**

- CLASS 0040 Sex and Love in Ancient Literature
  - Literature
- CLASS 1950 Classics Capstone
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness
- THEA 1112 Contemporary Black Female Playwrights
  - Diversity
  - The Arts

**April 14, 2020**

#### **Digital Studies and Methods Certificate**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal for a new Digital Studies and Methods Certificate. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Programs for final approval.

#### **Urban Studies BA revision**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal to significantly revise the Urban Studies major. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council for final approval.

#### **Individual courses to fulfill new General Education Requirements**

- HAA 1026 Exhibitions: From World's Fairs to Global Biennials
  - Historical Analysis

**April 21, 2020**

### **International Studies co-major**

Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved a proposal for a new International Studies co-major. This proposal must proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Programs for final approval.

### **Individual courses to fulfill new General Education Requirements**

- ANTH 1746 The Olympics and Identity: Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and the Nation State
  - Global Issues
- ANTH 1797 Mountain and Medicine – Health and Environment in the Himalayas
  - Global Issues
- BIOSC 0835 Our Changing World for Non-Majors
  - Natural Science
- FR 0014 Introduction to French-Speaking Canada
  - Specific Geographic Region
- FR 0017 Paris Urbanism Past and Present
  - Historical Analysis
- FR 0070 Kings and Queens
  - Specific Geographic Region
- FR 0104 Intermediate French 2: French in a Global Context
  - Global Issues
- FR 1036 Green France: Situated Ecologies
  - Specific Geographic Region
- ITAL 1071 The Eternal City: Rome from Antiquity to Today
  - Historical Analysis
  - Specific Geographic Region
- GSWS 0400 Gender and Science
  - Philosophical Thinking or Ethics
- HIST 1197 Black Death: Plague and History
  - Historical Analysis
  - Specific Geographic Region

- HIST 1220 Between Empires: Polish History Through Film
  - Historical Analysis
  - Specific Geographic Region
- HPS 1627 Living with Technology
  - Philosophical Thinking or Ethic
- KOREAN 0023 Korean Language: Then and Now
  - Specific Geographic Region
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness
- PSY 1361 Diversity in Clinical Practice
  - Diversity
- SA 0170 Digital Studio: Creative Coding
  - Creative Work