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## Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Planning and Budgeting Committee Minutes from the February 6, 2012 Meeting

**ATTENDING:** Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp, Acting Associate Dean Steve Carr, Associate Dean John Twyning, Senior Director of Undergraduate Studies Judith McConnaha, Director of Communications Carol Mullen, Assistant Dean Barbara Vattimo, Professors David Waldeck, Stephen Weber, Randall Walsh, and James Cassing, and Staff Representatives Georgia Spears and Elizabeth Conforti, Student Representatives Chris Myers, and Julia Bursten

**NOT ATTENDING:** Associate Dean W. Richard Howe, Professors Jerome Branche, and Andrew Weintraub (on sabbatical), Staff Representative Mary Beth Conroy

### 1. Minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2012

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2012. Professor David Waldeck moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### 2. Dean's Report

Dean Cooper reported that the Governor would make the announcement about the reductions to the Commonwealth Appropriation soon.

### 3. Report on the Budget (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper mentioned that he had responded to the first part of Provost's memo and suggested that there should be a joint meeting on February 14, 2012 of the Dietrich School PBC, Chairs and Directors, and Departmental Administrators to develop additional ideas for resource conservation for the second response. He proposed a format with breakout groups of ca 6, and a general conversation ensued from which emerged an agreement that there should be prompts

for each group to think about 1) big ticket, mid ticket, and small ticket items, 2) long term, mid term, and short term items, and 3) operational and programmatic reductions. Each group will then have a few minutes to share their ideas for cost cutting strategies.

### 4. Draft of Planning Document section on Vision

Dean Cooper presented a revised version of the vision statement for PBC suggestions and comments. A few changes to the draft were recommended, and another draft will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

### 5. Review of Strategic Priorities

Dean Cooper presented a new draft of strategic priorities for approval. There was a suggestion to add "how to" at the beginning of each bullet, except for the last one. Dean Cooper agreed to look at the text again with Carol Mullen and report back to PBC.

### 6. Draft of Planning Document section on Undergraduate Education

Associate Dean John Twyning and Senior Director of Undergraduate Studies Judith McConnaha presented a first draft of the Undergraduate Studies section. They indicated that data will be collected and added to the sections to establish current benchmarks and future goals.

There was a suggestion to focus the thinking on specific goals dealing with undergraduate writing; it might be appropriate to include some information on departmental and writing center resources.

### 7. Other Business

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences  
Planning and Budgeting Committee  
Minutes from the February 13, 2012 Meeting**

**ATTENDING:** Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp, Associate Dean W. Richard Howe, Acting Associate Dean Steve Carr, Associate Dean John Twyning, Interim Associate Dean Cristina Ruggiero, Senior Director of Undergraduate Studies Judith McConnaha, Director of Communications Carol Mullen, Professors David Waldeck, Stephen Weber, Randall Walsh, and James Cassing, and Staff Representatives Georgia Spears and Elizabeth Conforti, Student Representatives Chris Myers, and Julia Bursten

**NOT ATTENDING:** Assistant Dean Barbara Vattimo, Professors Jerome Branche, and Andrew Weintraub (on sabbatical), Staff Representative Mary Beth Conroy

**1. Minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2012**

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2012. Professor Randy Walsh moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Professor David Waldeck and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**2. Dean's Report**

Dean Cooper announced the 2012 Faculty Award winners.

- Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award—Senior Lecturer John Ramirez (Computer Science)
- Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award—Assistant Professor Brent Doiron (Mathematics) and Professor Eric Moe (Music)
- Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award—Professor Edward Muller (History)
- Bellet Award—Associate Professor Sunil Saxena (Chemistry) and Senior Lecturer Cynthia Skrzycki (English)

Professor Kirk Savage (History of Art and Architecture) received the J. B. Jackson Prize (2012) from the Foundation for Landscape Studies for his book "Monument Wars." This is his second award for this book.

**3. Report on the Budget (Dean N. John Cooper)**

Dean Cooper reported that the Governor announced his plan for a \$27.14 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year and proposed a 30% cut in commonwealth appropriation for higher education. That cut corresponds to a loss of \$41 million in total university appropriation.

**4. Review of Planning Document section on Voluntary Support**

Dean Cooper shared a draft version of the Voluntary Support section. There was a discussion about what the Dietrich School can do to engage with students while they are here and before they become alumni. Dean Cooper advised that he will have a conversation with the Development Team to further define the Voluntary Support section.

**5. Draft of Planning Document section on Graduate Studies**

The Graduate Studies section was not drafted and unable to be shared for discussion. Dean Cooper had planned to share a Diversity section, however, because of time this will be discussed in the next meeting.

**6. Agenda and Charge for February 14, 2012 Special PBC Meeting**

Dean Cooper discussed the agenda and charge and asked for comments or suggestions. The agenda and charge were approved by all, and various members of PBC agreed to lead tables in the break out sections.

Dean Cooper explained that at the beginning of the meeting he will present a PowerPoint as a budget summary. He briefly went over the presentation and made note of areas that need clarification.

**7. Other Business**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences  
Planning and Budgeting Committee  
Minutes of the Monday, February 20, 2012 Meeting**

**ATTENDING:** Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp, Acting Associate Dean Steve Carr, Associate Dean John Twyning, Interim Associate Dean Cristina Ruggiero, Senior Director of Undergraduate

Studies Judith McConnaha, Assistant Dean Barbara Vattimo, Professors David Waldeck, Stephen Weber, Randall Walsh, and James Cassing, and Jerome Branche, and Staff Representatives Elizabeth Conforti, Student Representatives Chris Myers, and Julia Bursten

**NOT ATTENDING:** Associate Dean W. Richard Howe, Director of Communications Carol Mullen, Professors Andrew Weintraub (on sabbatical), Staff Representative Mary Beth Conroy and Georgia Spears.

#### 1. Minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2012

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2012. Professor David Waldeck suggested adding the word “cut” at the bottom of page 1. Dean Cooper approved the suggestion and Professor Randy Walsh moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

#### 2. Dean’s Report

Dean Cooper did not have anything to report at this time.

#### 3. Report on the Budget (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper advised that at this time the budget outlook is the same and there is nothing new to report.

#### 4. Review of Planning Document section on Voluntary Support

Dean Cooper shared the information he received from the Development Team on questions that were asked in the last meeting. Dean Cooper advised that he was going to look at this section again and make necessary corrections.

#### 5. Draft of Planning Document section on Graduate Studies

The Graduate Studies section was not drafted and unable to be shared for discussion. Dean Cooper had planned to share a Diversity section, however, because of time this will be discussed in the next meeting.

#### 6. Special PBC Meeting

A report on the Special PBC meeting was distributed to all members. Dean Cooper advised that it would be a good idea to take a look at the list and come up with top ways to respond to the 5% budget cut.

The group came up with a list of institutional level, within Arts and Sciences, and big ticket item ideas to respond to the Provost’s memo. Dean Cooper will compose a response reflecting suggestions from the discussion.

#### 7. Other Business

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

## FACULTY PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### APPOINTMENTS

#### ANTHROPOLOGY

Luke Barton  
Assistant Professor  
January 1, 2012

#### BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Welkin Chambers  
Research Assistant Professor  
January 1, 2012

#### CHEMISTRY

Albert DeFusco III  
Research Assistant Professor  
December 12, 2011

Marvin Yu  
Visiting Research Professor  
January 1, 2012

Jiantao Zhang  
Research Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2011

#### HISTORY

Laura Gotkowitz  
Associate Professor w / tenure  
January 1, 2012

Gregor Thum  
Assistant Professor  
January 1, 2012

#### LINGUISTICS

Ece Ulus  
Visiting Assistant Instructor  
September 1, 2011

#### NEUROSCIENCE

Kathryn Gill  
Research Assistant Professor  
December 1, 2011

Anne Marie Oswald  
Assistant Professor  
January 1, 2012

#### CHANGES IN RANK

##### COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jonathan Misurda  
Title Changed, Lecturer  
January 1, 2012

##### HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Julia Finch  
Title Changed, Visiting Lecturer  
January 1, 2012

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

##### EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

David Mills  
Appointed, Acting Chair  
January 1-April 30, 2012

##### HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Kathleen Linduff  
Reappointed, Acting Chair  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### SABBATICALS/LEAVES OF ABSENCE

##### CHEMISTRY

Adrian Michael  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

##### COMMUNICATION

William Fusfield  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-February 29, 2012

Gordon Mitchell  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-January 28, 2012

Ronald Zboray  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-December 31, 2012

##### COMPUTER SCIENCE

Shi-Kuo Chang  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

##### EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Hiroshi Nara  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

##### ENGLISH

Jonathan Arac  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

Ellen Bishop  
Leave of Absence  
November 9, 2011-February 1, 2012

Curtis Breight  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012  
Lynn Emanuel  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

Lucy Fischer  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

Emelyn Fuhrman  
Leave of Absence  
January 14-March 23, 2012

Ryan McDermott  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-January 28, 2012

Gayle Rogers  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-January 28, 2012

Mariolina Salvatori  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-April 30, 2012

##### FRENCH AND ITALIAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Francesca Savoia  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

##### GEOLOGY AND PLANETARY SCIENCE

Emily Elliott  
Leave of Absence  
January 31-April 10, 2012

#### GERMAN

Beverly Harris-Schenz  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### HISPANIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

John Beverley  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### HISTORY

Anthony Novosel  
Leave of Absence  
November 30-December 30, 2011

#### HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Kirk Savage  
Leave of Absence  
September 21, 2011-March 20, 2012

#### LINGUISTICS

Scott Kiesling  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### MATHEMATICS

Xinfu Chen  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

Michael Neilan  
Leave of Absence  
January 4-January 31, 2012

William Troy  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### MUSIC

John Goldsmith  
Leave of Absence  
September 22-November 2, 2011

Anna Nisnevich  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-April 30, 2012

Andrew Weintraub  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### PHILOSOPHY

Karl Schafer  
Leave of Absence  
September 1, 2011-December 31, 2012

#### PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

David Jasnow  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

Donna Naples  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### POLITICAL SCIENCE

David Barker  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

George Krause  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### PSYCHOLOGY

Kathryn Monahan  
Leave of Absence  
November 11-November 24, 2011

Erik Reichle  
Leave of Absence  
January 1-April 30, 2012

Tessa Warren  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### SLAVIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Oscar Swan  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### SOCIOLOGY

Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum  
Leave of Absence  
February 18-April 27, 2012

Suzanne Staggenborg  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

#### STATISTICS

Leon Gleser  
Sabbatical Leave  
January 1-April 30, 2012

## RETIREMENT

### ANTHROPOLOGY

Terrence Kaufman  
Professor Emeritus  
December 31, 2011

### HISTORY

Allan Galpern  
Associate Professor Emeritus  
December 31, 2011

### PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Paul Shepard  
Professor Emeritus  
December 31, 2011

### SLAVIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Jane Harris  
Professor Emerita  
December 31, 2011

## RESIGNATION

### BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Kyle Gurley  
Assistant Professor  
February 17, 2012

### GEOLOGY AND PLANETARY SCIENCE

Ian Skilling  
Visiting Research Assistant Professor  
December 31, 2011

### HISPANIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Carlos Ramirez  
Lecturer  
December 16, 2011

## END OF CONTRACT

### CHEMISTRY

Bruhaspathy Miriyala  
Visiting Research Professor  
December 31, 2011