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Dietrich School Council Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Meeting

Council Members present: Dean Kathleen Blee (Chair), Associate Dean for Faculty Recruitment and Research Development Adam Leibovich (Vice Chair), Elected Members Reid Andrews, Sam Donovan, Chloe Hogg, Scott Kiesling, Andrew Lotz, Dawn McCormick, and Andrew Zentner. Divisional Chair Representatives: Sunil Saxena and John Lyon

Council Members not present: Elected Members Lillian Chong, Yolanda Covington-Ward, Melanie Hughes, Sung Kyu Jung, and Sabine Von Dirke. Divisional Chair Representative: Bryan Hanks. Graduate Student Representatives Marissa Bowman, Susie Sonnenschein, and Krysta Beam. Student Government Board Representatives Cory Stillman and Pooja Humar.

Dean's Office Personnel present: Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Holger Hoock, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning, Senior Director for Undergraduate Studies Jessica Hatherill, and Administrative Coordinator Alyson Sved.

1. Minutes of the Dietrich School Council meeting held on March 6th, 2019

The minutes of the March 6, 2019 Dietrich School Council meeting were distributed electronically, moved, seconded, and approved.

2. Dean's Report (Dean Kathleen Blee)

Dean Blee shared the Dietrich School major accomplishments since the last meeting on March 6th. The highlights are included below:

- Caroline Runyan (Department of Neuroscience) was selected as a Searle Scholar with a 3-year grant totaling \$300,000. The Searle Scholars Program select 15 young faculty who have recently been appointed as assistant

professors on a tenure-track appointment from a group of nominations by 137 universities.

- The Trustees of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation have approved a grant of \$262,000 to the University of Pittsburgh to support a New Directions Fellowship for Mari Webel (Department of History).
- Suzanne Staggenborg (Department of Sociology) received the 2019 John D. McCarthy Lifetime Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Scholarship of Social Movements and Collective Behavior.

3. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning)

Associate Dean Twyning shared that the usual courses will continue and that there are no new policies at this time. Associate Dean Twyning then led a discussion about changing the traditional 3-credit course model. He explained that a class model allowing for more credits would encourage curriculum development and allow students to receive credit for work they are completing beyond the classroom. Dean Blee added that this discussion will be part of the agenda for next year's interdisciplinary theme.

The Dietrich School Council members voted and accepted the Undergraduate Council's report.

4. Report on the College of General Studies (Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning)

The Dietrich School Undergraduate Council met on March 19th, 2019. At this meeting they approved proposals from the College of General Studies to retire the Humanities and Social Sciences majors and to add a GPA requirement to the Natural Sciences major. Dean Blee shared that over the next few years, the CGS will experience major change in efforts to redirect to the original purpose of working with nontraditional students. John also added that CGS is pushing ahead with an ambitious goal to offer more courses

online. The goal is to have the entire health sciences major online next year.

5. **Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council** (Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Holger Hoock)

Graduate Council met on March 22, 2019. Associate Dean Hoock reported to Graduate Council that the Provost approved a new major in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages leading to the Master of Arts degree in the Department of Linguistics. Dean Hoock also updated Graduate Council that the Hearing Examiner appointed by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board has directed a graduate student unionization election: students holding appointments in spring 2019 as teaching assistants, teaching fellows, graduate student assistants, and graduate student researchers are eligible to vote. The outcome of the election will be decided by a simple majority among those who cast their vote. Dean Hoock further updated Graduate Council on the Dietrich School Diversity Review.

Graduate Council next discussed and accepted the response by the Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences to its consultative review of TATF training and practices. Finally, Council explored ideas to enhance support for international graduate students who make up well over one third of the School's graduate student body, suggestions to make the School an even more inclusive and welcoming home to international students, and potential mechanisms to facilitate interaction among all graduate students that maximize the benefits that can derive for all from engaging students across cultures.

6. **Tentative Dates for Fall Faculty Meeting and New Faculty Reception** (Dean Kathleen Blee)

Dean Blee proposed the following dates for the Fall Full Faculty Meeting and New Faculty Reception:

- Wednesday, September 25th (Afternoon)
- Thursday, September 26th (Afternoon)
- Friday, September 27th (Afternoon)

The committee voted by show of hands and selected the afternoon of Thursday, September 26th for the event.

7. **Other Business**

Dean Blee thanked the members of the Dietrich School Council for their service to the school this past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Actions of the Dietrich School Undergraduate Council:

March 19, 2019

Existing courses to transition to or to fulfill new General Education Requirements

- GER 1350 German Drama
 - Creative Work
- SOC 0140 Classical Sociological Theory
 - Social Science
- MUSIC 1340 Music in Africa
 - Cross-Cultural Awareness
- MUSIC 0673 Small Jazz Ensembles
 - Creative Work
- MUSIC 1271 The Sounds of Romantic Comedy
 - Diversity
 - The Arts
- MUSIC 1281 Music, Sound, Religion and Spirituality
 - Diversity
- MUSIC 0211 Introduction to Western Art Music
 - The Arts
- MUSIC 1253 Listening to Live Music Performance
 - The Arts
- MUSIC 1308 Cultural Politics of Soul
 - Diversity
- MUSIC 1328 Creative Ethnomusicology
 - Diversity
 - The Arts
- MUSIC 1399 Music and Queer Identity
 - Diversity
 - The Arts
- JS 1259/HEBREW 1259 Israeli Film and Television
 - Geographic Region
- HIST 1145/ECON 1030 Intellectual Foundations of Capitalism
 - Philosophical Thinking or Ethics