

**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Council
Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
(via Zoom)**

Council Members present: Dean Kathleen Blee (Chair), Associate Dean for Faculty Kay Brummond (Vice Chair); Elected Members: Drew Armstrong, Russell Clark, Haitao Liu, Laura Lovett, Kathleen Manukyan, Susan Sesack; Divisional Chair Representatives: Lisa Brush, Arthur Kosowsky, Todd Reeser

Council Members not present: Elected Members: Jon Johnson, Neepa Majumdar, Svitlana Maksymenko, Scott Morgenstern, Tymofiy Mylovanov, Serena Rivera; Graduate Student Representative: Yasha Kaushal, Rebecca Matecha; Student Government Board Representative: Derek Dressler, Mathavan Murali

Dean's Office Personnel present: Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development Adam Leibovich, Executive Director of Administration Jessica Hatherill, Senior Director for Undergraduate Studies and the College of General Studies Derek Fischer, Director of Dean's Office Operations Lisa Lang, Administrative Coordinator Z Taylor, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and CGS John Twyning, and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies Jonathan Woon

Dean's Office Personnel not present: Executive Administrator Christine Trotman

Minutes

Dean Blee welcomed the Council members and thanked them for attending.

1. Dean's Report (Dean Kathleen Blee)

Dean Blee shared the following announcements.

- Council members whose terms are ending this spring:
 - Elected faculty: Neepa Majumdar, Svitlana Maksymenko, Scott Morgenstern, Susan Sesack
 - Divisional chairs: Lisa Brush, Arthur Kosowsky
- Grace Fleury, Frederick Honors College and Dietrich School junior majoring in Chemistry, Bioscience track, has won the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, which is one of the most prestigious national undergraduate scholarships in STEM.
- Katy Nesbitt (A&S '15, Chemistry graduate studies) has been selected as the 2023 undergraduate commencement speaker. Nesbitt is the first American woman to referee at the World Cup.
- Adam Lowenstein, professor in Film and Media Studies, has been awarded the 2023 Guggenheim Fellowship to work on his next book, "The Jewish Horror Film: Taboo and Redemption."
- Adam Shear, chair of the Department of Religious Studies, has been awarded a Renaissance Society of America Digital Innovation Award for his work on Footprints, a database that tracks the circulation of early modern Hebrew and Jewish books.

- Rachel Kranson, director of the Jewish Studies Program, has been selected as a scholar-in-residence at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute for spring 2024. She plans to finish writing her book, “Religious Misconceptions: American Jews and the Politics of Abortion.”

2. Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean John Twyning)

Associate Dean Twyning presented the Dietrich School Undergraduate Council report below. Council voted to accept the report with 12 accepting, 0 opposed.

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Studio Arts minor modification – Dietrich School Undergraduate Council approved the proposal to modify the Studio Arts minor course requirements. This modification removes two obligations and allows students to take any four or five Studio Arts courses.

Individual courses to fulfill new General Education Requirements

- ANTH 1515 Lithic Analysis
 - Quantitative and Formal Reasoning
- CLASS 1270 The Romans in Britain
 - Historical Analysis
 - Writing
- COMMRC 1070 Thinking Humans
 - Philosophical Thinking or Ethics
- FR 1047 French Television: Media, Translation, Subtitling and Dubbing
 - Creative Work
- GER 1501 World of Witches: Witches and Witchcraft in Global Perspective
 - Global Issues
 - Cross-Cultural Awareness

- SLAV 0500 Contemporary Cultures of Eastern Europe
 - Geographic Region

3. Report from the College of General Studies Council (Associate Dean John Twyning)

Associate Dean Twyning reported that the College of General Studies Council has not met since March 1. He noted that the College of General Studies has been taken to a place where it is a true partner with the Dietrich School and will continue to grow and fulfill its mission to provide education to nontraditional students.

4. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Associate Dean Jonathan Woon)

Associate Dean Woon presented the Dietrich School Graduate Council report. Council voted to accept the report with 11 accepting and 0 opposed. He noted that graduate student commencement is coming up. This year is the second year that the Dietrich School is hosting its own graduate student commencement and hooding its PhD candidates.

April 12, 2023 Meeting

Associate Dean Updates

- Commencement April 27 –over last 3 terms we have awarded: 217 PhD, 9 MFA, 103 Master’s Degrees
- 3MT Winners
 - Winner: Jincy K. Vinod (Chemistry), who went on to be a runner up in the university-wide competition.
 - Runners up: Lacey Rzodkiewicz (Biological Sciences), Travis Court (Physics & Astronomy), and

Benjamin Patty (Biological Sciences).

- Grad Expo Outstanding Presenter Awards
 - Darian Yang (Chemistry)
 - Hannah Assour (Biological Sciences)
 - Savannah Roberts (Psychology)
 - Amber Stanley (Biological Sciences)
 - Elsie Campbell (French)

Assistant Dean Updates

- Commencement going well: We have over 700 people attending
- GSO Administrative Assistant will stay on through the summer
- HMB memo sent out to expand the program

Academic Program Proposals

- Associate Dean Woon welcomed a visitor to present a proposal for Graduate Certificates in Africana Studies (both MA and PhD levels). Graduate Council voted to approve the Certificate for MA and PhD in Africana Studies.

Math TA/TF Review Discussion

Subcommittee presented report of TA/TF Review for Department of Mathematics. Overall, they have procedures in place and students are well informed of their responsibilities and expectations. The department offers a semester-long TA training course, and department appoints a Graduate Student Mentor for TA/TFs. Graduate Council shared recommendations for improvement, and Graduate Council recommended revising the report based on the discussion.

TA/TF Review Timeline Discussion

Council recommends changing the TA/TF Review timeline. Currently departments are reviewed once every 10 years. They would like to see that shortened to possibly every 5 years (approximately 5 programs per year). Members viewed increased frequency as positive for the work of the GC (members would have greater familiarity—making reviews easier to conduct, expertise would enhance overall quality of reviews and lead to greater consistency) and for programs (more consistent follow through based on GC recommendations).

5. Other Business

With no other business presented, Dean Blee adjourned the meeting.

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Planning and Budget Committee Meeting Thursday, April 6, 2023 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Committee Members present: Dean Kathleen Blee (Chair), Associate Deans: Kay Brummond, Adam Leibovich, John Twynning, Jonathan Woon; Elected Members: Meredith Guthrie, Lina Insana, Neepa Majumdar, Scott Morgenstern, Valerie Oke, John Stoner; Staff Members: Meg Caruso, Kristin Hopkins; Dietrich School Graduate Students: Caitlin Dahl, Haoran Hu

Committee Members not present: Elected Members: Lara Putnam, Andrew Zentner; Staff Member: Joseph Begley; Appointed Members: Haitao Liu; Dietrich School Graduate Student: Sinan Dogan

Resource Personnel present: Executive Director for Administration Jessica Hatherill, Executive Director for Financial and Physical Resources

Patrick Cunningham, Executive Director for Undergraduate Studies and CGS
Derek Fischer, Sr. Executive Director of Development
Tom Golightly, Director of Dean's Office Operations
Lisa Lang, Director of Communication and Undergraduate Recruitment
Carol Mullen, Administrative Coordinator
Z Taylor

Resource Personnel not present: Senior Director of Budget and Finance Mathew Romick

Minutes

1. Strategic Plan

Dean Blee welcomed the committee members and discussed the goals that were set last year and talked about which ones were accomplished in AY23 and which ones were not. She said that with the transition to the new dean, the plan is for more generic goals that the new dean can craft appropriately.

Accomplishments in AY23 include:

- The Dietrich School hired a large number of T/TS and AA faculty members.
- The Dietrich School is addressing how to address the high DFW rates in certain courses through a project being piloted by Study Lab.
- The College of General Studies is returning to its original mission of serving nontraditional students. We are hiring faculty who will teach in both Dietrich School departments and CGS.
- The Dietrich School launched a new PhD program in Africana Studies, which is admitting students in fall 2023.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts have been broadened by creating departmental diversity committees.
- The first year of the new phase 2 of the departmental planning process focuses on three departments – Communication,

English, and History of Art and Architecture. The process uses external and non-departmental people to do reviews and provide feedback.

- The Development team has been very active in fundraising. The Big DIG project's original goal was to raise \$16.5 million; it exceeded that goal and has raised \$27 million.
- The Faculty Diversity Committee updated the faculty mentoring guide and made it available online.
- Undergraduate research has benefited from the return to in-person mode. Study Lab continues to increase the variety of courses it offers for tutoring, and usage of the service has gone up.
- The process for staff hiring has been streamlined, with centralized hiring committees for Admin I, Admin II, and Student Service positions. The school had 64 new staff hires this academic year.
- Renovations of the Biological Sciences lab space were completed this academic year. Renovation of some areas of Chevron Hall is expected to commence in fall 2023. Film and Media Studies space is currently under construction and is expected to be ready by fall 2023.
- The Dietrich School has been approved to purchase equipment, hire faculty, and address other areas to move forward with the Quantum Initiative.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Minutes

1. Strategic Plan
Dean Blee welcomed the committee members and opened discussion of the Strategic Plan draft. Dean Blee informed PBC members that the first 20 pages of the draft detailed last year's plan and asked everyone to review pages 21-23 noting that data to be reviewed on page 22 was only received earlier this week. That

information will be included when the plan is circulated for a final vote.

Dean Blee reviewed each section of the three pages under review, explained the contents, and asked if any members present had questions or comments about the document. When no such questions or comments were offered, she advised the members to watch their email in mid-May for a final version and request to vote on whether to approve the Strategic Plan.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Faculty Personnel Actions

APPOINTMENTS

AFRICANA STUDIES

Kamesha Spates
Associate Professor and William S.
Dietrich II Chair w/tenure
April 1, 2023
Visiting Associate Professor
January 1, 2023

ANTHROPOLOGY

Dela Kuma
Assistant Professor
January 1, 2023

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Clancy Wiesner
Laboratory Instructor
January 1, 2023

ENGLISH

Belkys Torres
Teaching Assistant Professor
January 1, 2023

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Naima Mohammadi
Visiting Lecturer
February 1, 2023

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Austin Due*
Visiting Instructor
September 1, 2022

Dana Matthiessen*
Title Changed, Visiting Instructor
September 1, 2022

Nicholas Zautra*
Visiting Instructor
September 1, 2022

HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Melanie Groves
Visiting Lecturer
January 1, 2023

PHILOSOPHY

Porter Williams
Assistant Professor
January 1, 2023

PSYCHOLOGY

Colin Vize
Research Assistant Professor
April 1, 2023

CHANGES IN RANK

CHEMISTRY

Nathaniel Rosi
Appointed, Covestro Chair
December 1, 2022

ENGLISH

Carl Kurlander*
Title Changed, Teaching Professor
September 1, 2022

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Austin Due
Visiting Lecturer
December 1, 2022

HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Jennifer Donnelly
Title Changed, Teaching Assistant
Professor
January 1, 2023

PHILOSOPHY

Stephen Engstrom
Appointed, Distinguished Professor
March 1, 2023

PSYCHOLOGY

Michael Sayette
Appointed, Distinguished Professor
March 1, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Courtney Weikle-Mills**
Succeeding Tyler Bickford as Director
September 1, 2022

CLASSICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ANCIENT SCIENCE

Sara Magrin**
Succeeding Christian Wildberg as Director
September 1, 2021

PSYCHOLOGY

Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal
Succeeding Julie Fiez as Chair
January 1, 2023

SABBATICALS/LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ANTHROPOLOGY

Andrew Strathern
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2023

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Tia-Lynn Ashman
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Dawn Bisi
Leave of Absence
November 21, 2022 – January 2, 2023

Burhan Gharaibeh
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Narthana Jeganathar Kanmanii
Leave of Absence
February 28 – March 13, 2023

Ruth Orr*
Leave of Absence
October 8 – December 16, 2022

Laurel Roberts
Leave of Absence
February 6 – March 5, 2023

Katie Wagner
Leave of Absence
April 8 – May 19, 2023

CHEMISTRY

William Horne
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Haitao Liu
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

COMMUNICATION

Caitlin Bruce
Leave of Absence
January 1 – December 31, 2023

Paul Johnson
Leave of Absence
January 9 – February 5, 2023

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND
LITERATURES

Yi Xu
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

ECONOMICS

Stefania Albanesi
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Arie Beresteanu
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Tymofiy Mylovanov
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

ENGLISH

Brittney Hailer
Leave of Absence
February 8 – May 2, 2023

Hannah Johnson
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Colin MacCabe
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES

Hillary Demmon**
Leave of Absence
May 18 – December 22, 2021

FRENCH AND ITALIAN

Chloe Hogg
Leave of Absence
February 21 – May 21, 2023

GERMAN

Randall Halle
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2023

HISPANIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Dolores Lima
Leave of Absence
March 13 – April 7, 2023

Serena Rivera
Leave of Absence
December 21, 2022 – June 20, 2023

HISTORY

Laura Gotkowitz
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – December 31, 2023

James Pickett
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Lara Putnam
Leave of Absence
January 3 – January 30, 2023

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Marian Gilton
Leave of Absence
October 4 – December 12, 2022

Paolo Palmieri
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

LINGUISTICS

Dan Villarreal
Leave of Absence
February 21 – March 20, 2023

MATHEMATICS

Xinfu Chen*
Leave of Absence
September 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Roman Fedorov
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – December 31, 2023

Anna Vainchtein
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

MUSIC

Olivia Bloechl
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

PHILOSOPHY

Robert Batterman
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Joseph Lewinsohn
Leave of Absence
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Porter Williams
Leave of Absence
February 28 – May 3, 2023

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

David Turnshek
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Michael MacKenzie
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Burcu Savun
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

PSYCHOLOGY

Amanda Forest
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paula Kane
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Bella Grigoryan
Leave of Absence
January 1 – January 28, 2023

SOCIOLOGY

Joshua Bloom
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Vijai Singh
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

Jackie Smith
Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – April 30, 2023

STATISTICS

Christopher McKennan
Leave of Absence
January 2 – January 29, 2023

STUDIO ARTS

JoAnna Commandaros
Leave of Absence
January 9 – April 30, 2023

RETIREMENTS

HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Minglu Gao*
Research Professor Emeritus
August 31, 2020

NEUROSCIENCE

Alan Sved
Professor Emeritus
January 7, 2023

PHILOSOPHY

Thomas Ricketts
Professor Emeritus
December 31, 2022

PSYCHOLOGY

Saul Shiffman
Research Professor Emeritus
March 31, 2023

RESIGNATIONS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Louis Alvarado
Assistant Professor
January 7, 2023

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Ruth Orr
Laboratory Instructor
December 31, 2022

Sara Sannino
Research Assistant Professor
December 13, 2022

CLASSICS

Jacques Bromberg
Assistant Professor
December 31, 2022

ENGLISH

Sonia Lupher
Visiting Lecturer
December 31, 2022

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Kyle Whittinghill
Teaching Associate Professor
December 31, 2022

NEUROSCIENCE

Badr Albanna
Visiting Lecturer
January 6, 2023

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Sergei Sheludiakov
Research Assistant Professor
February 28, 2023

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Huseyin Ilgaz
Visiting Lecturer
December 31, 2022

ENDS OF CONTRACT

CHEMISTRY

Chelsea Martinez**
Visiting Laboratory Instructor
April 30, 2022

* Change or Update

** Previously Not Published