

**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Council
Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
11:00 AM – Noon
(via Zoom)**

Minutes

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

1. Dean's Report (Dean Adam Leibovich)

Council Members present: Dean Adam Leibovich (Chair), Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Todd Reeser; Elected Members: Drew Armstrong, Russell Clark, Jon Johnson, Laura Lovett, Kathleen Manukyan, Brian Stewart, Liann Tsoukas; Divisional Chair Representatives: Cynthia Croot, Steven Meriney; Graduate Student Representatives: Grace Naa Korkoi Amoah, Godspower Ubit; Student Government Board Representatives: Aleksander Bearden, Michelle Jaena Lerma

Council Members not present: Elected Members: Robin Brooks, Tymofiy Mylovanov, Jennifer Waldron; Divisional Chair Representative: Felix Germain

Dean's Office Personnel present: Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Recruitment Hannah Johnson, Associate Dean for Equity, Faculty Development, and Community Engagement Natasha Tokowicz, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and CGS Adriana Helbig, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies Jonathan Woon, Executive Director of Administration Jessica Hatherill, Senior Director for Undergraduate Studies and the College of General Studies Derek Fischer, Director of Executive Operations Lisa Lang, Administrative Coordinator Z Taylor

Dean Leibovich shared the following announcements.

- Marcus Rediker, distinguished professor of History, co-authored a play. "The Return of Benjamin Lay," that made its debut in London's Finborough Theatre in June.
- Graham Hatfull, distinguished faculty of Biological Sciences, received a lifetime achievement award from the European Society of Mycobacteriology in June.
- Alex Silver, graduate student in Psychology, received a 2022-23 Doctoral Dissertation Research Excellence Award from the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences in June.
- Edward K. Muller, faculty emeritus of History, and Rob Ruck, professor of History, co-authored a book, "Pittsburgh Rising: From Frontier Town to Steel City," that was published in July.
- Alaina Roberts, associate professor of History, appeared in a new docuseries "The Real Wild West." Roberts' family history, which is discussed in the docuseries, also informs her book "I've Been Here All the While: Black Freedom on Native Land," which received honorable mention for the 2023 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Book Prize.

- Kamesha Spates, Endowed Chair of Africana Studies, led a team of researchers to investigate a significant rise in suicide rates among the local Black population in northeast Ohio.
 - Caitlin Bruce, associate professor of Communication, has a book pending publication, “Voices in Aerosol: Youth Culture, Institutional Attunement and Graffiti in Urban Mexico,” which is a case study of Mexico City government’s shifting relationship with graffiti artists over an 18-year period.
 - Farjana Siddiqua, president of the Pitt chapter of the Associate for Women (AWM) in Mathematics and graduate student researcher in Mathematics, accepted an award from AWM for scientific excellence at the Mathematical Associate of America MathFest on August 4.
 - Peng Liu, professor of Chemistry, co-authored a study published in Science in July. The study describes a powerful new way to create “unnatural” amino acids that could be used in protein-based therapies and open new branches of organic chemistry.
 - Ian Flynn, postdoctoral fellow in Geology and Environmental Science, is leading a team with the goal of investigating Saturn’s moon Enceladus for evidence of life on that moon.
 - Kirk Savage, distinguished professor of History of Art and Architecture, is working in conjunction with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to create an inaugural exhibition that will “create a more inclusive, equitable and representative commemorative landscape on the National Mall,” in Washington, DC. The inaugural exhibition, “Pulling Together,” was displayed around the Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool from August 18 to September 18.
 - Sophia Choukas-Bradley, assistant professor of Psychology, served on an American Psychological Association panel that created the first advisory for adolescent social media use.
 - Toi Derricotte, professor emerita of English, was one of the inaugural recipients of the Pegasus Award for Service in Poetry, which recognizes commitment and extraordinary work in poetry and the literary arts through administration, advocacy, education, publishing, or service.
 - Edouard Machery, distinguished professor of History and Philosophy of Science, received a grant for \$260,000 from the John Templeton Foundation.
 - W. Vincent Liu, professor of Physics and Astronomy, has been awarded \$1.5 million from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to develop models in orbital physics.
2. **Election of a Council member to serve as Vice Chair (Dean Adam Leibovich)**

Dean Leibovich nominated Todd Reeser to serve as Vice Chair. Council members accepted the nomination.
 3. **Report from Dietrich School Undergraduate Council (Associate Dean Adriana Helbig)**

Associate Dean Helbig reported that Dietrich School Undergraduate Council has no carry-over business from the spring term and has yet

to hold its first fall term meeting. Undergraduate Council needs one tenure/tenure stream faculty member from the Social Sciences division. Undergraduate Council student members are not evenly distributed across divisions, which is an item that Associate Dean Helbig plans to address with the Student Government Board that appoints the 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 16 accepting and 0 opposed.

September 8, 2023 Meeting

Associate Dean's Updates

Associate Dean Woon provided updates about changes to stipends and health insurance.

Assistant Dean's Updates

Assistant Dean Capo gave updates on the Hot Metal Bridge program, summarized the first ever HMB Summer Institute, and programming for HMB and Irvis Fellows.

Election: Non-Voting President of the Academic Integrity Board

Council elected Nancy Condee.

TA/TF Reviews

The following committees and schedules were established:

- Anthropology (fall): Niklas Frykman, Akira Medeiros
- History and Philosophy of Science (fall): Josh Bloom, Si Wang

- French & Italian (spring): Chris Nygren, Laura Chelidonopoulos
- Neuroscience (spring): Kirill Kiselyov, Turki Alturaifi

Discussion of Agenda for AY23-24

The following topics were suggested and briefly discussed.

- Generative AI – Chat GPT
- Admissions
 - SCOTUS affirmative action ruling
 - Holistic review
 - English Proficiency Test/Duolingo
- Advising and mentoring training (revise guidelines)
- Assessment and program reports
- Orientation and professionalization
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Program handbook review
- Award for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring
- PBC Travel Grant
- Anticipated program proposals
- Commencement Speaker

5. Fall Full Faculty Meeting (Dean Adam Leibovich)

Dean Leibovich presented two possible dates for the fall Full Faculty Meeting Dietrich School Council chose Wednesday, October 18, at 3:00 p.m., in a 10 to 4 vote.

6. Fall Full Faculty Agenda (Dean Adam Leibovich)

Dean Leibovich informed Council that one item on the Full Faculty Meeting agenda is the election of this year's Nominating Committee. This election is usually done via online ballot. He said that another item is a discussion about

Principles, Purpose, and Pillars of the Dietrich School, then he invited other Council members to suggest items to add. Todd Reeser suggested adding a discussion of Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity. Council voted 13-0 to include this final item on the agenda and accepted the agenda 15-0

7. Election of Council members to serve on the Dietrich School Planning and Budget Committee (Dean Adam Leibovich)

Dean Leibovich indicated that we need to appoint one faculty member from each division to serve on the Dietrich School Planning and Budget Committee. Council elected: Cynthia Croot, Theatre Arts; Laura Lovett, History; and Russell Clark, Physics and Astronomy.

8. Dietrich School and the College of General Studies Principles, Purpose, and Pillars (Dean Adam Leibovich)

Dean Leibovich introduced the associate deans and the dean's office staff. He then shared slides that detail the principles, purpose, and pillars of the Dietrich School. These slides will be shared in the fall Full Faculty Meeting.

9. Other Business

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

**Dietrich School Tenure Council
Professor Reid Andrews, Secretary
September 6, 2023**

Between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023, a total of 31 *ad hoc* Review Committees were convened to advise the former Dean of the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences on cases for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure, appointment at tenured rank, or promotion to Full Professor. The members of these Committees were chosen by the Tenure Council Selection Committee and former Dean Kathleen Blee in accordance with the Dietrich School Bylaws. In the previous 10 years, the number of *ad hoc* Review Committees was as follows.

2013-14	29
2014-15	34
2015-16	35
2016-17	35
2017-18	29
2018-19	37
2019-20	29
2020-21	30
2021-22	36
2022-23	31

Eleven *ad hoc* Review Committees were convened to advise former Dean Kathleen Blee on departmental recommendations that Assistant Professors be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor and awarded tenure. Ten committees voted unanimously to support the departmental recommendations, and one committee voted 5:1 in favor of promotion. Former Dean Kathleen Blee accepted 11 of those committee recommendations and sent positive recommendations to the Provost.

Nine *ad hoc* Review Committees were convened to advise former Dean Kathleen Blee on departmental recommendations for promotion of tenured

Associate Professors to the rank of Full Professor. Seven committees voted unanimously in favor of the departmental recommendations of promotion to Full Professor, one committee voted 4:1 in favor of promotion, and one committee voted 2:3 against promotion. Former Dean Blee accepted eight recommendations and forwarded eight positive recommendations to the Provost. Former Dean Blee accepted the recommendation to deny promotion in one case and did not forward that case to the Office of the Provost. That candidate requested an appeal, and the case is currently under review in the Office of the Provost.

Eleven Review Committees were convened to advise former Dean Kathleen Blee on departmental recommendations to offer appointments with tenure to new faculty members at the rank of full Professor and Associate Professor. Eleven committees voted unanimously in favor of the departmental recommendations. Nine candidates accepted offers, and two declined offers. The *ad hoc* committees for each of the cases were Standing Committees of the Dietrich School Tenure Council.

The Dietrich School Tenure Council for 2022-23 consisted of 48 regular members and 28 alternate members.