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Dietrich School Council Minutes from the February 12, 2016 Meeting

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp (Vice Chair), Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Kathleen Blee, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twynning, Executive Director for Staff Personnel and Senior Assistant Dean Michele Colvard, Senior Administrative Officer Jessica Hatherill, Professors Daniel Berkowitz, Don Bialostosky, Kay Brummond, Steven Finkel, Michael Goodhart, Adriana Helbig, Jeffrey Hildebrand, Jeffrey Newman, and Alan Sved, Lecturer Katherine Wolfe, Graduate Student Representative Treviene Harris, and Student Government Board Representative Alex Kash

Not in Attendance: Professors David Bartholomae, Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski, and Lisa Brush, Lecturers Angela Athanas and Milica Hayden, Graduate Student Representative Ling Qing Xu, and Student Government Board Representative Naomi Stoll

1. Minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2016
The draft minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2016 were distributed electronically. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.

Dean Cooper provided an update regarding the Fair Labor Standards Act and the potential effects on employees and postdocs, and there are no updates from the NIH on this matter. Dean Cooper will speak with Vice Provost Mark Redfern for further information and the topic will be revisited later in the term if further discussion and potential action are required.

2. Dean's Report (Dean N. John Cooper)
The Dean reported that Professor Emerita Alison Stones (History of Art and Architecture) was elected a Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America. Professor Terrance Hayes (English) was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award. Professor Nancy Condee (Slavic Languages and Literatures) is the winner of the 2015 American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European

Languages (AATSEEL) Award. Associate Professor and Director of Jazz Studies Geri Allen (Music) has been nominated for a Grammy Award for her co-produced album "Concert by the Sea." The producer for the latest CD by Andrew Mellon Professor Eric Moe (Music) has been nominated for a Grammy Award in the Classical Music Producer.

English Chair and Professor Don Bialostosky shared that Distinguished Professor Lucy Fischer received the 2016 Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award. Chemistry Chair and Professor Kay Brummond shared that Associate Professor Seth Horne received the same award.

The Dean provided an update on the state of the budget, stating that the University still does not have an appropriation from the Commonwealth. No decision will occur until after the April primary elections and any potential appropriations will not occur until May at the earliest.

3. Update on the Year of the Humanities (Chair and Professor of English Don Bialostosky)

Professor Bialostosky shared that the Year of the Humanities was established by the Provost with the purpose of highlighting the fundamental importance of humanistic thinking in research and education, not only in the humanities, but across the range of University schools and departments. The Provost initially allocated \$100k in matching funds, which has since been increased twice due to the volume of excellent proposals. At the Provost's instruction, the committee is no longer accepting proposals. At this time actions on eight were undecided and awaiting potential extra funding. The committee received proposals from across all schools and programs at Pittsburgh, as well as the branch campuses, with over 120 proposals approved to date. Proposals and projects have included a series of conversations between the Departments of History of Art and Architecture and Biological Sciences, the University Library System, and the Carnegie Museum, called What Does it Mean to be Curious?; the Department of Music is hosting Columbia Professor George Lewis for a series of performances and workshops that focus on the implications of improvisation as a practice of social transformation; various lectures and symposia; art, music, and creative-

writing pop-ups in the Schools of Engineering and Pharmacy; a collaborative project exploring human motion involving the Dietrich School and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, titled Bodies in Motion; and a panel discussion titled The Humanities: Can You Afford to Leave College Without Them? featuring Fareed Zakaria (CNN), Hunter Rawlings (AAU), Helen Small (Oxford), Regina Barreca (Connecticut), and Art Levine (Pitt School of Medicine).

Dean Cooper and the Provost have committed to continuing the work of the Year by appointing an Assistant Director of the Humanities Center for Outreach across the University and into the community, and have provided funds for this work. Dan Kubis, who worked with the Year from the Provost's office, has been appointed to this position and is making plans for continuing the work of the planning committee and taking the Humanities Center, which has been a great collaborator in the Year, into new territory.

It has been exciting and heartening for the community and the University at large to know of widespread interest in the humanities among colleagues in other disciplines and professions, and to think about the humanities in ways that connect productively with those interests. Upcoming and archived events can be found on the website www.humanities.pitt.edu, as well as the Year of the Humanities Facebook page.

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

Associate Dean Twyning reported that Undergraduate Council met on January 20, 2016. UGC discussed the proposal to create a film and media production track in the Film Studies major, approving the proposal pending clarification of the track title. UGC also approved the proposal to create a FILM subject code to encompass film courses. This proposal will proceed to DS Council and to the Provost's Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs (PACUP) for final approval. UGC reviewed the preliminary report submitted by the College Writing Board on writing in the Natural Sciences. Associate Dean Twyning will establish a subcommittee to review and improve writing in the disciplines.

UGC continued discussion of the General Education requirements, which continued at the February 10, 2016 meeting of UGC. A group of students attended this meeting and much of the discussion focused on the Diversity requirement.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

5. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Associate Dean Kathleen Blee)

Associate Dean Kathleen Blee reported that Graduate Council met on February 11, 2016. Council approved subcommittee reports and recommendations on TA/TF training in the Departments of Biological Sciences and Communication. Council discussed preliminary results of a survey of Dietrich School graduate students on their mentoring experiences. Next steps are to convene focus groups of graduate students and faculty to discuss draft recommendations, aiming to create a mentoring handbook for graduate students and advisors. Council began discussions on the possibility of introducing holistic review as an option for departmental graduate student admission. Holistic review involves identifying the full range of desired characteristics of applicants, indicating those on the application instructions, and assessing candidates on these characteristics, all as a way to create a more inclusive process for applicants. Dean Blee stated that conversations with Departments will begin in the fall.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

6. Other Business

None.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

**Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
Planning and Budgeting Committee
Minutes from the April 15, 2016 Meeting**

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies Kathleen Blee, Associate Dean for College of General Studies Cristina Ruggiero, Executive Director for Staff Personnel and Senior Assistant Dean Michele Colvard, Assistant Dean for Business Barbara Vattimo, Director of Communications Carol Mullen, Senior Administrative Officer Jessica Hatherill, Professors Scott Morgenstern, Luca Rigotti, Nathaniel Rosi, and Anne Weis, Lecturer Svitlana Maksymenko, and Graduate Student Representative Allison Cullen Doyle

Not in Attendance: Executive Director for Financial and Physical Resources Patrick Cunningham, Professors Carol Colby and Adriana Helbig, Lecturers Gretchen Bender and Anthony Bledsoe, Staff Representatives Alana Dunn, Linda Howard, and Mat Romick, and Graduate Student Representatives Lindsay Taraban and Melissa Yang

1. Minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2016 were distributed and approved electronically.

2. CS-SIS Proposal (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper introduced guests Dean Ron Larsen (Information Sciences) and Chair Taieb Znati (Computer Science), who presented information regarding the proposal to combine the School of Information Sciences (SIS) and the Department of Computer Science into the proposed School of Computing and Information (SCI). Dean Larsen and Chair Znati presented information detailing the proposal development process from the beginning to where it stands today. Provost Beeson approached SIS and Computer Science a year ago to explore the idea of combining the two units in a new school, and Dean Larsen and Chair Znati have since taken the lead to move forward.

Endorsement of the proposal was moved and seconded. It will be presented at the next meeting of the Dietrich School Council to be held Friday, April 22, 2016, for additional review.

3. Proposal for Revision to Classics PhD (Associate Dean Kathleen Blee)

Dean Cooper reminded the committee that admissions to the doctoral program of the Department of Classics were suspended in 2012, and this proposal would allow limited resumption of admissions to the doctoral program for students who already hold an MA in Classics and who are seeking the area of concentration within Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient Science (CPAS). Associate Dean Blee has been working with the Department of Classics to revise the program to be more focused, to utilize faculty resources better, and to provide clear milestones for students.

Dean Blee presented the proposal, which has been approved by the Dietrich School Graduate Council. Pending approval by this committee, it will be presented at the next meeting of the Dietrich School Council on Friday, April 22, 2016.

Endorsement of the proposal was moved and accepted.

4. Dean's Report (Dean N. John Cooper)

The Dean reported Senior Lecturer Nancy Pfenning (Statistics) was awarded the 2016 Chancellor's Distinguished Award for Teaching. Distinguished Professor Lucy Fischer (English and Film Studies) and Associate Professor Seth Horne (Chemistry) are recipients of the 2016 Chancellor's Distinguished Award for Research. Professor Alan Sved (Neuroscience) and Lecturers Lorraine Denman (French & Italian) and Andrew Lotz (Political Science) are recipients of the 2016 Tina and David Bellet Teaching Excellence Awards. Professor G. Reid Andrews (History) received the 2016 Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring. Several Dietrich School students are among the awardees of the 2016 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, including seniors Emily Crabb (Physics and Astronomy) and Rachel Johnson (Geology and Environmental Science, and Anthropology), and graduate students Taylor Courtney (Chemistry), James Loving-Lichtenstein (Biological Sciences), Cristian Morales-Rivera (Chemistry), and Luis Vazquez-Maldonado (Chemistry). Graduate student Zhen Liu (Physics and Astronomy) was awarded the Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Students Abroad.

5. Other Business

Dean Cooper asked if the committee preferred to circulate the minutes electronically prior to the end of spring term and members concurred.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

**Dietrich School Council
Minutes from the April 22, 2016 Meeting**

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair), Senior Associate Dean James Knapp (Vice Chair), Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Kathleen Blee, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning, Executive Director for Staff Personnel and Senior Assistant Dean Michele Colvard, Senior Administrative Officer Jessica Hatherill, Professors Daniel Berkowitz, Don Bialostosky, Kay Brummond, Lisa Brush, Steven Finkel, Michael Goodhart, Adriana Helbig, Jeffrey Hildebrand, and Alan Sved, Lecturer Katherine Wolfe, Graduate Student

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2. Dean's Report (Dean N. John Cooper)

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3. CS-SIS Proposal (Dean N. John Cooper) with guests Dean Ron Larsen and Chair Taieb Znati

Dean Cooper introduced guests Dean Ron Larsen (Information Sciences) and Chair Taieb Znati (Computer Science), who presented information regarding the proposal to combine the School of Information Sciences (SIS) and the Department of Computer Science into the proposed School of Computing and Information (SCI). Dean Larsen and Chair Znati detailed the proposal development process

from the beginning to where it stands today. Provost Beeson approached SIS and Computer Science a year ago to explore the idea of combining the two together, and Dean Larsen and Chair Znati have since taken the lead to move forward.

Discussion focused on continued access to the resources of Computer Science for students in the Dietrich School and the Dean indicated that he would be providing a summary of prospective financial issues and concerns about access to Computer Science instruction to the Office of the Provost.

The proposal was moved and seconded.

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

Associate Dean Twyning reported that Undergraduate Council (UGC) met on February 10, 24, and 25, March 16 and 23, and April 6 and 13, 2016, and reviewed the General Education Requirements (GERs). Dean Cooper reminded Council that the GERs will need to be subject at a meeting of the full faculty.

UGC also discussed new business at the April 13 meeting:

Existing Courses to Fulfill General Education Requirements

- ANTH 0534 Prehistoric Foundations of European Civilization
 - *Historical Change*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
 - *Foreign Culture/International-Regional*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- ANTH 1552 A History of Anthropological Thought
 - *Social Science*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- ANTH 1556 Zooarchaeology
 - *Natural Science*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- ANTH 1557 The Archaeology of Russia, Central Asia, and Mongolia
 - *Historical Change*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
 - *Foreign Culture/International-Regional*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.

- HAA 0018 Death in the Ancient World
 - *The Arts*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
 - *Foreign Culture/International-Comparative*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- HAA 0090 Introduction to Contemporary Art
 - *Foreign Culture/International-Global*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- HAA 0425/ENCGMP 0425 Digital Humanity
 - *Philosophy*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- HAA 1304 Leonardo, Michelangelo, and Raphael: Painting in 16th Century Italy
 - *Second Course in Literature, the Arts, or Creative Expression*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
 - *Foreign Culture/International-Regional*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- HAA 0480 Modern Architecture
 - *The Arts*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
 - *Historical Change*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
 - *Foreign Culture/International-Regional*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.

- *Historical Change*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- COMMRC 0300 Communication Process
 - *Social Science*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- KOREAN 0007 Introduction to Korean Culture and Civilization
 - *Foreign Culture / International – Regional*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
 - *Non-Western Culture*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- RELGST 1519 Religion, Nature, and the Environment
 - *Foreign Culture / International – Comparative*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- HIST 1691 Latin History
 - *Historical Change*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- HIST 1692 LGBTQ in USA
 - *Historical Change*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- CLASS 0032 / HIST 1746 Athletics of the Ancient World
 - *Foreign Culture / International – Regional*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- CLASS 1250 / HIST 1789 Law and Society in Greece and Rome
 - *Foreign Culture / International – Regional*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- PHYS 0091 Conceptual Physics
 - *Natural Science*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.

Associate Dean Twyning reported that UGC met on April 20, 2016. At this meeting, Council approved a revision to the English Literature minor, approved a revision to the Religious Studies major, and approved a proposal to create a new HEBREW subject code for the Jewish Studies program in the Department of Religious Studies. This proposal will proceed to Dietrich School Council and then to the Provost's Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs (PACUP).

UGC also discussed existing courses to fulfill General Education Requirements:

- ANTH 1549 Warfare in Archaeology and Ethnography
 - *Writing-intensive*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.
- COMMRC 0320 Mass Communication Process
 - *The Arts*: This course was approved to fulfill the requirement.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

5. Report from Dietrich School Graduate Council (Associate Dean Kathleen Blee)

Associate Dean Kathleen Blee reported that Graduate Council met April 5, 2016. Council reviewed a proposal from the Department of Classics to revise their PhD program, to which admissions were suspended in 2012. The re-envisioned PhD program will admit one student every other year who holds an MA in Classics or another related field, and who will pursue an Area of Concentration in Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient Science (CPAS).

Graduate Council members discussed and approved the proposal.

Graduate Council discussed various initiatives in Graduate Studies, including the expansion of English language proficiency and cultural competency screening for all incoming international TAs in the Dietrich School this fall, the introduction of an online module providing Title IX training specifically for graduate students in the fall, the introduction of in-person trainings by the Title IX staff for new students in English, Psychology, and Chemistry, and Pitt's participation in the White House initiative to advance women of color in STEM fields and Economics, to which the Provost has provided \$1 million to fund and evaluate the Hot Metal Bridge post-baccalaureate program, which positions students to apply to graduate school.

Graduate Council met on April 19, 2016. Council finalized TA/TF training reviews for this year and selected three departments for review next year. The subcommittee on graduate mentoring presented a draft mentoring booklet which has been vetted by groups of graduate students and a number of faculty. Council reviewed and approved the brochure. It will be sent out electronically this summer and put on the Graduate Studies webpage. Hard copies will be distributed to all graduate faculty and students in the fall, and the brochure will be discussed at the fall DGS/graduate administrator meeting.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved.

6. Fair Labor Standards Act and Postdoctoral Associate contracts (Dean N. John Cooper)

Dean Cooper provided a report on potential revisions in regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act that, amongst other groups, would impact contracts for Postdoctoral Associates. Specifically, employees would need to be compensated at levels higher than those current in some disciplines to remain exempt employees (i.e. employees paid on a salaried rather than hourly basis). Dean Cooper anticipates that the changes will be announced in early May and be implemented across the summer. Council agreed that it would not be appropriate for Postdoctoral Associates to become hourly employees, and endorsed the concept of requiring the minimum compensation levels needed for them to remain exempt employees.

7. Fall Full Faculty and New Faculty Reception (Dean N. John Cooper)

The draft agenda for the Fall Full Faculty Meeting and New Faculty Reception was circulated electronically. The Dean reviewed the agenda items, reminding Council that the Nominating Committee will be elected if a quorum is present at the fall meeting. Council agreed that the agenda meets their approval and agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

8. Select Nominees for Nominating Committee Meeting (Dean N. John Cooper)

The Dean reviewed the role of Council in creating the slate for elections to the Nominating Committee. Council created a priority list of nominees, and a Council member from each division agreed to ask nominees to allow their names to go forward for the Nominating Committee.

9. Other Business

None.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.