

October 30, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Welcome -- Former Faculty Chair Drew Buchman and 1-15 Faculty Chair-elect Sandy Yannone opened the meeting at 1:12. Faculty Chair Abir Biswas presided over the meeting shortly thereafter.

General Announcements -- The following announcements were made:

- Isobel Bang, a student conducting an undergraduate research project on writing with Emily Lardner, briefly described the project;
- Brendan Hale, GSU Representative and liaison to the Faculty Meeting, was introduced;
- Sandy Yannone announced the Writing Center's recent launch of a digital archive of the last 8 issues of Inkwell;
- Peter Bohmer announced that Jules Label, a constitutional rights lawyer, will be speaking on November 1st.
- Larry Mosqueda announced that Yoram Bauman, a "stand-up economist", will perform on October 30th;
- Dharshi Bopegera announced that NOAA Scientist Christopher Sabine, will be speaking on November 7th;
- David McAvity reminded faculty that fobs are needed to access the evaluation system outside of the office; and
- Abir announced that faculty are invited to request either an item on the Agenda Committee's agenda or the possibility of attending agenda committee meetings. Abir also indicated that the Agenda Committee was considering holding closed meetings, in some instances. The announcement was followed by a brief discussion.

Approve October 16th, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes -- The minutes were approved as distributed.

November 6th Academic Retreat Agenda – Abir reminded faculty of next week's retreat, scheduled in response to faculty interest in additional time together, and apologized for the lack of early communication.

Long-Range Curriculum DTF – Co-chair Ruth Hayes introduced the discussion by indicating a recommendation by the DTF to have a standing committee and provided an overview of the work and recommendations that are still upcoming this quarter as the DTF wraps up its work. She indicated that the work before the faculty at this meeting is focused on team teaching formation and the program creation process, guided by a handout that was distributed. Discussion on the proposals ensued.

Faculty Hiring Principles and Practices – Abir opened the discussion, prompted by Les' unusual faculty hiring decision last June, by indicating that the Agenda Committee's intent was for this to be an open discussion. A lengthy discussion that included a broad range of opinions and ideas occurred, including an expression of interest in having someone draft a letter to Les that would be reviewed at the next Faculty Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07.