

## December 11, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

**Faculty Chair Welcome** -- Faculty Chair Abir Biswas opened the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

**General Announcements** -- The following announcements were made:

- Andrea Heisel reminded the faculty that a change to the search function in the Library will be implemented on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013
- Sarah Ryan announced that EWS faculty will host a liberal arts forum on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as part of the Academic Statement Initiative, featuring author Sasha Abramsky, Author of *The American Way of Poverty: How the Other Half Still Lives*. The forum will be preceded by a faculty/staff workshop, as well as a faculty seminar with Abramsky.
- Stephen Beck thanked the 1/3 of the faculty who have already signed up for a winter or spring mentoring day workshop and asked faculty who have not yet signed up to do so.

**Approve October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes** – The October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting minutes were approved, with a correction to the start time indicated on the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes.

**New Evaluation System Updates** – Amy Betz provided some reminders to faculty in anticipation of creating evaluations using the new evaluations system for the first time and announced some training sessions, as well as some online training tools.

**Planning Unit Coordinator DTF** – Co-chair Andrew Reece began by introducing past and present members and providing an overview of the DTF's charge and changes in the working conditions of the PUCs that came with the 12-14 CBA. Co-chair Laurie Meeker continued by describing the research the DTF has been engaged in related to the history of PUCs and the curriculum planning structures more broadly. DTF member Anne Fischel discussed the current state of curriculum planning, including the formation of four new planning units. Andrew provided an overview of the responses the DTF has received from past-PUCs regarding the role of a PUC. DTF member Greg Mullins provided a deeper historical look into curriculum planning. Laurie indicated that the DTF will be back to explore the work more fully at the winter quarter week four faculty meeting.

**Long-Range Curriculum DTF** – Co-chairs Karen Gaul and Ruth Hayes provided an overview of the DTF's updated proposal, including section a) internships and individual learning contracts; section b) curriculum development; and section c) proposing a standing committee on the curriculum. A brief overview and discussion began with a focus on section a) in anticipation of a possible vote at today's meeting, which was delayed until the winter quarter week two faculty meeting. Discussion was closed on section a) and moved to section b). Discussion was closed on section b) and moved to section c). The discussion, and possible votes, on all three sections will be continued at the winter quarter week two faculty meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.