

Faculty Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 23, 2019

12:30 - 1:45 pm

CAPA, Symposium

Faculty Election: Presidential Search Committee

Faculty Announcements

Report of the Provost and Dean of the College

Isabel Roche

Report of the College Steering Committee

Vanessa Lyon, co-chair

Report of the Academic Policies Committee

Noah Coburn, chair

Report of the Faculty Performance Review Committee

Terry Creach, chair

Report of the President

Mariko Silver

Faculty Meeting Minutes

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Faculty present: Barbara Alfano, David Anderegg, Lopa Banerjee, Barry Bartlett, Josh Blackwell, Tom Bogdan, Carly Briggs, Nick Brooke, John Bullock, Andrew Cencini, Hilary Clark, Noah Coburn, Terry Creach, Hugh Crawl, Elena Demyanenko, Thorsten Dennerline, Michael Dumanis, Janet Foley, Michael Giannitti, Manuel Gonzales, Karen Gover, Camille Guthrie, Amber Hancock, Sarah Harris, Anna Maria Hong, John Hultgren, Yoko Inoue, Jon Isherwood, Kirk Jackson, Jonathan Kline, Thomas Leddy-Cecere, Ginger Lin, Mary Lum, Vanessa Lyon, Richard MacPike, Amie McClellan, Emily Mitchell-Eaton, Katie Montovan, Brian Michael Murphy, Carol Pal, Aysha Peltz, Ann Pibal, Senem Pirlar, Jonathan Pitcher, Mirka Prazak, Kate Purdie, Jean Randich, Robert Ransick, Sue Rees, Dana Reitz, Jenny Rohn, Noelle Rouxel-Cubberly, Kerry Ryer-Parke, Charles Schoonmaker, Tim Schroeder, Eileen Scully, Burcu Seyben, Susan Sgorbati, Stephen Shapiro, Allen Shawn, Don Sherefkin, Betsy Sherman, Anne Thompson, Debbie Warnock, Phillip Williams, Kerry Woods, Ikuko Yoshida

Others present: Paige Bartels, Zeke Bernstein, Tony Cabasco, Laurie Kobik, Meredith Meurs, Mandy Pappas, David Rees, Matt Rizzo, Isabel Roche, Delia Saenz, Andy Schlatter, Mariko Silver

Faculty Election: Presidential Search Committee

The following were nominated:

- Brian Michael Murphy
- Kerry Ryer-Parke
- Tim Schroeder (alternate)

Faculty Announcements

Report of the Provost and Dean of the College

Isabel Roche reported:

- In the interest of time, Isabel informed faculty that an email will be sent at the end of the day with some additional announcements.

CAPA highlights:

- This spring, there are 26 courses (not counting tutorials) and over 300 students studying and working in CAPA.
- We've also seen record turn-out this year in CAPA from members of the local community, thanks both to the strength of the topics and their importance in the world we live in today, as well as to the advent of the "This Week @ CAPA" newsletter, which delivers a more streamlined and consistent form of communication about the ongoing work taking place in CAPA. If there are ways to connect your work to CAPA with curriculum/guests/series, please let Susan Sgorbati know.

Susan Sgorbati also reported on CAPA:

- CAPA is very busy right now with important courses and projects. We continue the work in the public schools in Bennington. The whole 7th grade comes to visit us in CAPA every spring and was here on May 7th.
- Robert Ransick has two new M.F.A. in Public Action candidates this fall.
- John Hultgren is continuing his work on the Consortium on Forced Migration, Displacement and Education with new curriculum development work over FWT. He will

also be working on funding for migration and displacement, if you would like to participate, please speak with John.

- Judith Enck is working hard with students on her national campaign on Plastics Pollution. With the help of Senator Brian Campion, Vermont just passed the strictest law banning plastics than any other state in the country.
- Brian is working on adding a course in legislation next term with Eileen Scully where students will be interning in the Vermont Legislature, with the hope to expand to other legislatures in the country.
- SCT faculty have met about developing peacebuilding curriculum in the future.
- Jonathan Pitcher (GANAS) has a new project that will provide professional training to license interpreters.
- Ann Pibal has a new course in political posters.
- Debbie Warnock continues working with 1st Generation students.
- Andrew Cencini will begin new prison courses this summer.
- Annabel Davis Goff continues to work on the Incarceration Reform and Prison Education.
- We have two guests in Human Rights and Peace Building: Andy Galindo and Vahidin Omanovic.
- Tim Schroeder and Janet Foley have continued the great work on the PFOA project.
- Marguerite Feitlowitz, who has been on sabbatical, continues to move the Bennington Translates work forward.
- The new “food” grant funded by the Mellon Foundation will embark on a three year focus on Food Insecurity in Bennington. A search for a 3 year visiting faculty member has just concluded. If you have any interest in combining food in your course curriculum, please contact Susan.
- TWIN, our partnership with the Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security at UVM on Transboundary Water In Cooperation Network is working on three rivers: the Kabul River, the Jordan River and the Kali River. Go to this site for a lot of information - <https://www.transboundarywater.org/>

Report of the College Steering Committee

Vanessa Lyon, co-chair, reported:

- The committee has met with all discipline groups and compiled raw data that will be incorporated into the NECHE self-study. There was a lot of faculty participation.
- CSC is currently undergoing the revision of the Faculty Grievance Policy.
- The committee is further considering the role of CSC for the META review and will be working closely with the new Associate Dean to look at possible restructuring of the college discipline groups.
- They continue to work on general and mental student health support and faculty retention.

Report of the Academic Policies Committee

Noah Coburn, chair, reported:

- APC approved replacement searches for computer science and social psychology.
- CAPEX budgets for 19-20 have been finalized and will be released to disciplines very soon.
- APC has been working with a sub-committee regarding FWT and independent studies assessments. They are also looking at prompts for narrative evaluations and critical writing tags.
- APC will play a role in the META review with a follow up retreat this summer.
- Please talk with Debbie Warnock if you have agenda items for next year.

Report of the Faculty Performance Review Committee

Terry Creach, chair, reported:

- Thanks to all who participated in the FPRC review cycle. Recommendations will be sent to the President this week.
- There will be a large pool of reviews in 2020, if you have any feedback to provide you are encouraged to forward your feedback to the committee.
- Next years committee members will be: Andrew Cencini, Michael Dumanis, John Hultgren, Sue Rees, Noelle Rouxel-Cubberly, and John Bullock in his role as Acting Provost.

Report of the President

Mariko Silver reported:

- This summer a group will be created including staff and faculty to discuss international students issues. This will be a task force with a limited time frame and an advisory group will be created from this for the long term planning.
- We now have a small emergency fund of 10k for international students to be used for health, family crisis, travel, etc. This doesn't need to be used only for travel expenses home. The fund will be divided into terms and will be given out on a first come, first served basis. This is something that causes major anxiety for students. In the next year or so we will be adding this benefit for domestic students as well.
- The Admissions report was presented by Tony Cabasco, the Alumni Relations report was presented by Matt Rizzo, and a presentation of Commons Opening/Barn Plans was given by Andy Schlatter.
- Reminder to fill out the Barn survey regarding plans for rebuilding the damaged wing. The faculty in the damaged offices will be moved into temporary spaces for the 19-20 academic year.