

ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 3:30 Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

ASFC Present: Joe Haley (PHYS, Chair), Emily Graham (HIST, Vice-Chair), Apple Igrek (PHIL, Secretary), Eric Turcat (LANGLIT), Saima Shahid (PBEE), Lisa Mantini (MATH), Jen Labrecque (SOCS, NTT), Rosemary Avance, (SMSC, BHPP), Noha Youssef (MICR), Erin Murphy (MUSI), Monica Whitham (SOC), Brandon Spencer (NMS, NTT; also proxy for Nataša Kaurin-Karača, AHUM, NTT), Sherri Norton (CDIS), Pouya Jahanshahi (ART), Tracy Kerr (for Elijah Schnitzler, CHEM), Anirudh Paranjothi (CS), Elizabeth Grubgeld (for Michael Amory, ENGL), Christine Bird (for Rebekah Herrick, POLS), Jason Estala (TH)

ASFC Absent: Ye Liang (STAT) Don Colley, (GEOG), Andy Dzialowski (IB), James Knapp (GEOL)

Administration Present: Assistant Dean Thad Leffingwell

3. Approval of November 2023 Minutes

Mantini moves
Haley seconds
Minutes approved

4. Approval of December 2023 Agenda

Haley moves
Mantini seconds
Agenda approved

5. Dean's Report (Leffingwell as Proxy)

Process of reviewing candidates for the Dean position is now beginning. We should be at the point of having semi-finalists in January. Academic advisors will begin reporting to Academic Services.

6. Concerns with Brand Management and Webpages – Pouya Jahanshahi

Content has been taken off from department websites. Brand management is the one removing content. There is also concern for not allowing personal links to our webpages, which would allow us to build up our reputations. Associate Dean Bobbi Kay Lewis is the contact for most of these issues, while Associate Dean Camilia Knapp is the contact on the Experts Directory.

The college has been asking people to move to Experts Directory since before the pandemic. The transition to Omni and Experts Directory were also discussed extensively in the last two Dept Heads meetings and the college wants feedback, but it seems that this has not been communicated well to the faculty.

7. ASFC Committee Reports

a. College Policy and Planning – Pouya Jahanshahi

They are moving forward with reviewing policies and guidelines on how AI is used on campus and in classrooms.

b. Scholarship – Rosemary Avance

Candidates have been selected for the Orange Gown and CAS awards.

c. Sabbatical Leave – None

Nothing to report.

d. Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure – None

Nothing to report.

e. Curriculum, General Education, and Outreach – Andy Dzialowski (Absent)

Absent and thus no report.

f. Rules and Procedures – Lisa Mantini

They have been reviewing Bylaws 1-8 on the Dean, ASFC officers, etc. Need to add line on possible 72 hours agenda notice for ASFC meetings. Discussion ensued as to whether it should indeed be 72 hours or possibly 2-3 business days.

g. NTT – Brandon Spencer (for Nataša Kaurin-Karača)

Many units don't yet have language for NTT faculty standards in their RPT documents. So the committee is working with them in order to provide recommendations on such language and standards.

8. Other Committee Reports

a. Equity Advocates – Isabel Alvarez-Sancho

They are trying to see if the Equity Advocates can meet with the finalists for the dean's search at some point (no Equity Advocates were selected to be in the search committee).

b. Bias and Harassment Ad Hoc Committee – Rosemary Avance

Nothing to report.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Announcements

No meeting in Januar; next meeting will be Feb. 7

12. Adjournment