

**COS Faculty Meeting
Minutes**

February 21, 2018

12:15-1:30pm

Exploratory Hall 3301, Fairfax Campus
IABR 1004, SciTech Campus via WebEx

In attendance: Barney Bishop (Faculty Chair), Rebecca Jones (Secretary), Peter Plarchan, Paul So, Jessica Rosenberg, Harold Geller, Larry Rockwood, Suzanne Slayden, Gerald Weatherspoon, Martha Westcoat , Megan Erb , Tracey Mason, Maria Emelianenko, Peggy Agouris, Ali Andalibi, Benoit Van Aken, Jason Kinser, Mark Uhen, Andreas Zifle, Olga Gkountuond, Neil Epstein, Peter Plarch, A.A. Agrime (ESP) B.O. Asidoeye, Paul So, Andrew Crooks, Yunao Wu, Kylene Kehn-Hall (via WebEx)

1. Call to order

1.1. Meeting was called to order by COS Faculty Chair Barney Bishop at 12:24pm

2. Approve minutes

3. Dean Peggy Agouris addresses the faculty

3.1. COS Faculty Meeting Attendance: Dean Agouris would like to interact with more faculty at these meetings, encourage your colleagues to attend, if you have ideas for different food, please share

3.2. P&T Policy Development: Working on a more transparent set of expectations for P&T, every department and faculty member has the opportunity to contribute to this process, this is going on during Spring 2018

3.3. College growth: We continue to grow in enrollment, hiring 16 new faculty members,

3.4. Cluster hire in Urban Planning, 3 new faculty will join with research at Potomac Science Center

3.5. Online course development: funding will be available, Padhu leading

3.6. College Advisory Board: Meets every other month to discuss how we can provide graduates that meet the current needs of our local and regional community

3.7. Developing departmental visions: Three questions

3.7.1. What are your departmental plans for the next 5 years

3.7.2. How do you connect your plans to what is around us?

3.7.3. What will you do if your plans do not develop as planned?

4. Questions for the Dean

4.1. If we plan to increase enrollment, how will the provost increase space?

4.1.1. Potomac Science Center is a beautiful new building; we probably won't be able to keep it to ourselves.

4.1.2. Space will be provided to support growth, assured by Provost

4.1.3. Some discussion is happening about moving courses to other campuses.

4.1.4. If growth is planned and controlled, we will be in the best position to advocate for space.

4.2. If upper level courses end up being moved, there needs to be shuttles to get to Potomac Science Center.

- 4.2.1. That is understood, it's more likely courses may be moved to SciTech since the shuttles are already in place.
- 4.3. Seems the biggest issue is for large classrooms, and the university doesn't seem like they want to build more.
 - 4.3.1. SciTech has a new building coming, Bull Run 2, will be for science and engineering classes
 - 4.3.2. The situation on Fairfax campus is going to get more dire, especially with Robinson going offline
 - 4.3.3. Space is an issue and the administration is aware of the issues
- 4.4. Minutes from November 2017 meeting were approved unanimously by voice vote

5. New Business

- 5.1. College of Science Undergraduate Research Colloquium (Rebecca Jones).
 - 5.1.1. Please mark your calendars for April 26, 2018 for the COS URC
 - 5.2. Discuss amendments to the bylaws (Barney Bishop).
 - 5.2.1. See attachment
 - 5.2.2. Thoughts ...
 - 5.2.2.1. What about neuroscience? Forensics? They are independent programs.
 - 5.2.2.2. Move to drop the list of departments/schools, but keep the phrase independent program.
 - 5.2.2.3. Meeting will be in April to vote on this change
 - 5.3. Improving Participation in these Faculty Meeting – How do we get people involved? What should we be doing as a group?
 - 5.3.1. Get Peggy to personally invite faculty
 - 5.3.2. Financial incentives?
 - 5.3.3. Maybe we can bring specific requests/concerns to the Dean
 - 5.3.4. Have a detailed agenda for discussion? Concrete questions
 - 5.3.5. Clarify roles of Faculty officers, role of Executive Council?
 - 5.3.6. Spring meeting should always have reports from each sub-committee
 - 5.3.7. Need agenda items that related to all faculty levels, including term and adjuncts
 - 5.3.8. Maybe ask the Dean to give “State of the College” address, for the fall faculty meeting, especially to discuss budget, introduce new faculty
 - 5.3.9. Possibly link the spring meeting with awards?
 - 5.3.10. Require committees to have written reports
 - 5.4. Faculty Marshalls needed for Commencement – May 16th
 - 5.4.1. Contact Tracy Mason
 - 5.5. USA Science and Engineering Fair April 6-8, 2018
 - 5.6. Provost evaluation committee being voted on now, please vote.
 - 5.6.1. Harold Geller and Larry Rockwood from COS
- ## **6. Close**
- 6.1. Motion to adjourn by Mark Uhen, seconded by Suzanne Slayden. Unanimous verbal vote and the meeting was adjourned by Barney Bishop at 1:27pm.