CFA COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING – APR. 22, 2022
MINUTES


Excused: Mike Sammons, John Scheib, Marina Gomberg, Pam Jones, Emelie Mahdavian

Absent: Elizabeth Dewitte, Avarree Vowell, T Pullen, Parker Rawlins, Kaitlin Kerr-Osman, Hope Farrar, Austin Hardy, Christian Drysdale, Maryruth Culver

1. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 25, 2022 Meeting
   There are no corrections, and minutes stand approved.

2. Special Reports:
   A. Fukushima presented on fostering greater collaboration in undergraduate research and the importance of mentoring relationships, which have been shown to increase student retention. A. Fukushima noted that her team has an advising program available to researchers.

3. Announcements & Reports:
   Dean’s Staff Reports:
   M. Murray recognized M. Gomberg who was unable to attend and expressed gratitude for Marina’s leadership on the JEDI Committee.
   Action Item: A post-series survey will be disseminated to participants and a report shared with this body.

   M. Murray announced that a BFA in Art with Book Arts emphasis is still pending approval. She thanked Sarah Reichel and the Curriculum team for their hard work, and the Advising team for providing a better understanding of how students move through processes.

   The CFA Grants Committee awarded $50,740 in grants this year. M. Murray reminded those present that pre-tenure faculty are eligible for $750 per year in grants, but only a small number request them.

   L. Leckie reported that students in each CFA school or department received Fine Arts Fees (FAF) Grants support this year, totaling $107,000. An online application has been requested and could be available in AY2022-23.

   A. Pfost provided an overview of economic trends which continue upward, in part, due to energy cost increases. The overall housing market tightens, impacting most those who have the least flexibility to adjust their housing budgets. Hourly wages are increasing, and supply costs are at a 20-year high. These trends impact the college in the demand for higher salaries, particularly from those outside Utah. In addition, CFA occupies 15 building on campus, whose spaces must be conducive to production, teaching, and research.

   A. Pfost described the distribution of state budget funding for university salaries and the guidance that it was not meant to be a blanket cost of living adjustment. He and the dean also requested additional funds from the Senior Vice President’s team, who were receptive. It will be several weeks before outcomes are announced.

4. Action Item:
   M. Murray led the body in a vote on proposed changes to the existing Retention and Review Statement for Career-Line, Adjunct and Visiting Faculty. The document was made available for review by all CFA faculty and was approved by the CFA Executive Committee on 4/15/22.

   Vote Results:
   Of 15 eligible faculty, there were 11 votes: 10 Approve; 0 Disapprove; 1 Abstention. The proposed changes to the Retention and Review Statement for Career-Line, Adjunct and Visiting Faculty are approved.

   Proposed changes must also be approved by the Academic Senate.

5. Upcoming Action Item: N/A
6. New business: N/A

Next Meeting: Fall 2022 TBD