

## FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2020

Members Present: Fatih Celiker, Thomas Killion, Lisa Ze Winters, Lara Jones, Edward Golenberg, Zachary Brewster, Victor Figueroa, Aaron Retish, Leisa Kauffmann, Charles Parrish, Smiti Gupta, Christopher Trentacosta, Yuson Jung, Clayton Walker, Eric Kessell

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Caroline Brzuchowski, Ratna Naik, Ken Jackson, Claudio Verani, Paul Clemens, Heather Dillaway, Mary Width, Ahmad Heydari, Tracy Neumann, Mark Baskaran

Absent with Notice: Lori Pile, Jeff Grynaviski, Karen Marrero

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting were approved.

Aaron Retish requested that approved minutes be distributed to faculty and academic staff, as had been agreed to previously.

Heather Dillaway and Tracy Neumann spoke of the changes to the World History Bridge Certificate and the Joint History MA/JD program, both of which were approved. Heather Dillaway and Mark Baskaran spoke of the new online MA in Environmental Science, which was approved.

Heather Dillaway, Ahmad Heydari, and Mary Width spoke of the new MS in Dietetics, which was approved.

Heather Dillaway led a discussion of the proposal to allow American Sign Language to fulfill the CLAS language requirement effective Fall 2021. The proposal was approved.

Ratna Naik asked for new nominees for several Article XXX committees.

Stephanie Hartwell noted that the college hit its development goal of \$5+ million this year; that the college is working on several outside partnerships; that enrollment has declined thus far for the Winter 2021 semester; and that budget cuts weren't as deep as expected this time, although that is partly because the university dipped into its reserves.



There was a wide-ranging discussion of the university's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives, not only as they relate to nominations for Article XXX committees but about representation on campus more broadly.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10.