

# Meeting Minutes – Faculty Council

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## Meeting Information

Date: 5/01/19 Location: 121 Borland  
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Chair: Aaron Knochel  
Note Taker: Jennifer Curry Morgan Approved by: Bonj Szczygiel

Attendees: Bonj Szczygiel, Charlene Gross, Jeanmarie Higgins, Aaron Knochel, Angela Rothrock, Sarah Watts, Scott Wing, Heather McCune Bruhn, Andrew Hieronymi, Barbara Korner, Marcus Shaffer, Mark Ballora, Mallika Bose, & Ann Tarantino

Guests: Phil Choo, Kelleann Foster, Paul Chidester, & Wanda Knight

Absent: Robert Gardner

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## Agenda Items:

### **A&A Diversity Committee Proposal for Changes to the Constitution – Wanda Knight**

Szczygiel raised the issue regarding the change of 3 committee members to requiring representation of all the units. Discussion ensued regarding the composition on the committee; and that of potentially taxing our already over-taxed faculty committee service obligations. But it also seem that this may be THE committee that should have full representation of all units; and perhaps it is time for FC need to review the other committee compositions to assess in this regard. Dean Korner also brought up the possibility of editing the last sentence in the re: ‘vision’; concern in CALC that this is not realistic to describe a college free of racism etc. Bobbi has submitted a proposed revision; e.g. such as ‘striving for’ those goals that would make it aspirational.

Wing made a motion recommending the removal of the quotation marks from introductory passage, or cite sources. Unanimously passed.

On motion by Szczygiel: to tentatively approve the proposal with an opportunity to review a reworded introduction prior to the May 15<sup>th</sup> formal electronic meeting and vote. There was discussion, and then vote: Yes – 7; opposed – 3 and one abstain.

### **Changing Graphic Design from a Program to a Department – Kelleann Foster**

Foster introduced and explained proposal. Szczygiel reminded members that Faculty Council consultation, as an academic organizational unit, is now part of Senate Council protocol for all proposals regarding academic reorganization.

Shaffer, representing architecture, expressed concerns: first is the impact on Stuckeman endowment, how money allocation would be affected; and issues of resource allocation—space and equipment; additionally, architecture is worried they're rushing into a situation in which there are too many uncertainties. Interim Head Ute Porschke submitted three documents (see record) expressing concern over FC approval of this matter; those documents were submitted at

the very end of the previous day giving little time for review. Shaffer explained the documents were a reflection of their last faculty dept. mtg. Other concern is arch. faculty do not want to make a major move with a temporary head in place. Want to get it "right." As well, given there will be a change in director and dean in a few months "it feels like a bum rush to get this done."

S.Wing: made point that G.D. is not represented on FC; at a governance level there's a grp of faculty not represented within College governance. There are 8 current faculty members; hard to expand such a small number into all the required committees. Suggested that, on some of the committees perhaps there could be a SALA representative, rather than a rep. from each unit. Schaeffer felt this would be further reduction of fair representation across the three units.

Charlene Gross requested clarification of "academic unit" regarding organization. Dean Korner explained unit's are defined as dept. or program, typically with its own budget and someone who controls it.

Phil Choo, new GD head made a plea that his students need this and explained he came to PSU under the impression it would be changed to a dept. Sought our support to become a department—that all the details could be worked out as a united School. Stated importance for GD to be a voice;

Chair Knochel decided to table the topic until next year based on the observation that Stuckeman is not a unified voice at this point in time. Meeting was adjourned, 9:00 am.

- **College-level Committee member evaluations- Korner**  
not covered this mtg.
- **Faculty Council nominations for at-large representatives**  
not covered this mtg.

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**On-going Agenda Items**

- **College-level Committee member evaluations- Korner**

**Next meeting:**

September 4, 2019                      8-9 a.m.                      121 Borland Bldg