

## SDC FACULTY-STAFF MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2017 / 12:00pm-1:00pm / Carpenter 521

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12:00pm

### Announcements and reminders

- LuxMotus Pavilion, Grand Opening, Fine Arts Building, January 25, 4:30pm.  
This opening was cancelled due to safety concerns.
- CAHNRS Honors Silent Auction: please donate items by Thu., Feb. 23, noon (Jessica will collect at front desk).  
Faculty and staff are encouraged to donate creative works or other items to the auction. They can be delivered to Jessica at the reception desk by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- SDC spaces  
Phil thanked the faculty its flexibility during the studio space changes, and the staff for moving furniture and cleaning over the winter break. Though the changes may be inconvenient for some, Phil stressed the importance of our first-year students experiencing Carpenter Hall, and appreciates everyone's input and cooperation. Rick Cherf asked a question about the new Virtual Laboratory. Phil explained that the space is not ready yet, but that when it is, the hope is that eventually it will be available for all disciplines to use. (The fundraising focus was on engagement with industry, but also very much a part of the teaching enterprise. The leadership team will eventually discuss use prioritization.)  
  
Genell Ebbini shared her gratitude to the leadership team for facilitating the studio space changes.
- Interim director  
The deans have asked to see the leadership team's five-year assessment of the school before they are prepared to solicit self-nominations for the Interim Director position. The leadership team expects to have this ready for the deans on or before February 10, which was the original date for the submission of this material.
- Upcoming faculty-staff meetings
  - Dates  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> was announced at the meeting, but recent developments likely will push this to March 1.
  - Quick bites  
Phil encourages faculty and staff to contact him directly if anyone would like to do a Quick Bite this semester.

### SDC Upcoming Events (Carrie V.)

- Gallery

Bob presented for Carrie, who was unable to attend. The gallery opening for the Solar Decathlon show is on Monday, Jan. 30 at 4:30pm. Faculty should encourage their students to attend the opening, so that they can learn more about this opportunity.

- Callison Distinguished Lecture Series  
Bob noted are many talented lecturers planning to visit Pullman over the next few months. See the SDC website for exact dates.

#### **SDC Spokane Day (David W.)**

- Wed., Feb. 15, 9:30am-12:30pm  
Phil thanked David Wang for organizing this event, and noted that there is a desire to continue this program into the future. David, by phone, stated that thirty students from University High in Spokane Valley will be visiting WSU on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. In garnering interest, David met earlier with U. High students, showed the SDC video, and spoke about the various SDC disciplines. This should be a great method for recruiting future students to the SDC. A draft agenda for the February 15<sup>th</sup> event was distributed.

#### **SDC Advisory Board Meeting**

- Spring SDC Advisory Board meeting: Thu & Fri, Mar. 2-3  
Phil thanked faculty and program heads for planning events and opening their classes to advisory board members, and showed the most updated draft agenda for the meeting. As it becomes more finalized, the agenda will be uploaded to the SDC website. Phil emphasized that all SDC faculty and staff are invited to the “social mixer” at the Brelsford WSU Visitor Center on Thursday, Mar. 2, from 6pm-8pm.

#### **SDC 444 RFP/Travel Requirements**

- SDC 444—the integrated study tour—will be organized differently in the future. Rather than one large study tour, the leadership team is encouraging submissions for smaller (10-20 student) tours that might better connect with faculty research and expertise. A maximum of three tours will be selected by the leadership team for fall as a trial run for 2017-18, with adjustments, as necessary, to be made in the future. The RFP, which was distributed with the agenda for the meeting, will be due back by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Questions were raised about when the tour(s) would take place, and it was affirmed that tours will continue to take place during the “study tour” week in fall so that any/all absences from other classes could be coordinated.

#### **Quick Bite**

- Anne Anderson and Rick Cherf on BIM Forum  
Thank you, Anne and Rick, for your informative Quick Bite about BIM Forum!  
A great discussion ensued.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- LuxMotus Pavilion, Grand Opening, Fine Arts Building, **tonight**, 4:30pm.  
(Cancelled)

- ASC Regions 6 & 7 Student Competition (Sparks, NV), Feb. 8-11
- SURCA: abstracts due Mon., Feb. 21
- Third-year review presentations (February: TBA)
- Spring SDC Advisory Board meeting: Thu & Fri, Mar. 2-3

1:00pm

**Adjournment**

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Upcoming 2016-17 faculty-staff meetings

- *Wednesday, Mar. 1, noon* (see above for change)
- *Wednesday, April 5, noon*
- *Wednesday, May 3, noon*