

SDC FACULTY-STAFF MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2017 / 12:00pm-1:00pm / Carpenter 521

12:00pm

Thoughts on SDC future options (Ron Mittelhammer, Dean of CAHNRS)

Ron Mittelhammer visited with the school for the first 15 minutes. He announced that decisions about the SDC future options have not been made, but we should continue the conversation. Mittelhammer listed a few configuration outcomes:

- 1) Nothing happens, and you continue to jointly report to two colleges (CAHNRS and VCEA).
- 2) SDC moves to VCEA “lock, stock, and barrel”—reporting to one college and one dean.
- 3) CM stays in VCEA and the design disciplines move to the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 4) Disaggregate SDC, and ID and LA come back to CAHNRS.

Mittelhammer noted that these are all possible (and if there are other ideas, those could be considered as well), and that he hoped the SDC would look at all of these as “opportunities” to consider what is best for each of the disciplines and SDC as a whole. He did state that despite many possibilities, one thing that was *not* going to happen was that all of SDC will move to CAHNRS. He also addressed the issue of Phil leaving and reassured the group that the SDC will not be leaderless and that we will have an announcement of an interim director soon.

Paul Hirzel asked what the possible timeline is for making a decision about reconfiguration. Mittelhammer replied that there is not a specific time frame, as he will no longer be the dean (there is a current search going on in CAHNRS) and he is concerned about getting ahead of the new CAHNRS dean. Similarly, new VCEA Dean Mary Rezac will need to be involved. He did note, however, that if there is an unsuccessful search for a new CAHNRS dean—or if the installment of the new CAHNRS dean takes much longer than expected or desired—then he would likely stay on as CAHNRS dean for a while and decisions potentially could be made about where SDC goes (between him, Dean Rezac, and the provost). Paul followed up with whether it is safe assumption that some decision could be made about the SDC within the year. Mittelhammer agreed with that assumption—that some decision could be made within the tenure of the upcoming interim director.

David Gunderson asked, should the SDC be moved in its entirety under VCEA, if the faculty lines for LA and ID would transfer over as well. Mittelhammer replied that this was a good question, and that it was one of the reasons that decisions have not yet been made, and that that he had not yet talked to Dean Rezac about this. However, Mittelhammer indicated that under the option of the SDC moving to VCEA, CAHNRS would allow those lines to go to VCEA—so long as those lines *remain* in either ID or LA. If in fact they get “liberated” to be used elsewhere, that “elsewhere” would be in CAHNRS. Mittelhammer also said that that is not a done deal, and wondered whether Dean Rezac would even be amenable to such an arrangement.

Judy thanked Dean Mittelhammer for offering to keep the dialogue open and indicating that the SDC has some say about its direction—because we do have some good ideas. Mittelhammer agreed and reassured the school that decisions would not be made without talking to the faculty and staff of the school.

12:15pm Exchange Opportunities (Joseph Iannelli, Assoc. Dean of Intl. Programs, VCEA)
Joseph Iannelli was also introduced to the SDC faculty and staff. He attended the meeting to discuss international exchange programs, which could benefit our students and our programs. Joseph's vision is for all WSU students to complete at least one education abroad experience and for all faculty members to have the opportunity to collaborate internationally. Different models to succeed at the above goals include teaching WSU courses internationally, using a third-party affiliate, and partnering with overseas universities. Joseph introduced possible exchange programs at universities in Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands that have design programs. If faculty members are interested in international opportunities, they should make that known as Joseph is regularly traveling internationally and has a number of relationships with overseas partners.

12:30pm Announcements
Congratulations to Genell Ebbini on her new position at the University of Minnesota. She will be missed. And congratulations, as well, to Rafi Samizay and Bashir Kazimee on their recent retirement announcements, you too will be missed (neither was present at the meeting, and both elected not to have retirement parties. Their contributions, however, have been monumental to the school for so many years.

- **Capstone/portfolio wrap**
All of the Capstone events and final reviews went successfully! Phil mentioned that he hoped the CM and Arch capstone could be fully integrated in the future (with ID and LA, too), but also recognized the challenges, curricular and otherwise, around that.
- **SDC spaces update**
CM will be moving to Dana/EME. The deadline to have all belongings packed is June 1st. The first moving day is next Wednesday. The rest will occur throughout the month. If faculty want an office in Daggy (or of they prefer to be in Carpenter), they must contact their Spaces Committee coordinator: Jason for CM, Bob for ID, Michael for LA, Paul for Arch.
- **Studio clean-up**
Carrie revealed that last summer two student workers were hired to do all of the cleaning which equaled over \$4600 in wages. Our turnout for our first clean-up day was not as big as we wished. Carrie thanked Jaime and Ayad for their help, and urged faculty to encourage students and TAs to clean up the studios before they leave. Please share ideas about ways to have more success in cleaning the studios in the future.
- **Blue course evaluations**

Phil asked faculty members to reach out to students to complete evaluations.

- Final grade submission
Please see the email Jaime sent regarding final grade submissions: all grades are due by Tuesday, May 9, by 5pm.
- Downtown studio
Bob, Kathleen, Ayad and Phil are working on a proposal generated initially by an email from President Schulz regarding remaking Pullman's downtown: the school will hope to be involved in a long-term vision here.
- SDC Policies and Procedures (comments by May 8)
Please review this and send your comments to the leadership team. Comments will be reviewed before the policy and procedures manual is finalized.

12:45pm

SDC Commencement

- Gallery show (Carrie Vielle)
Graduation showcase opens Friday morning and is open through Saturday afternoon. Saturday afternoon all items need to be removed. If you have a gallery request for next year, please send it to Carrie Vielle as soon as possible.
- Reception: Saturday, May 6, 11:00am-12:00pm.
- MOA event: Saturday, May 6, 12:00-1:00pm.
- CM dinner: Friday, May 5, Banyans, 6:30 pm.

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SDC Teaching Awards

Congratulations to: Steve Austin (LA), Greg Kessler (ARCH), Jason Peschel (CM) and Carrie Vielle (ID).

1:00pm

Adjourn to potluck

Upcoming dates

- Fri., May 5: CM candidate visit, schedule/itinerary forthcoming
- Fri., May 5: CM senior banquet, Banyans, evening
- Sat., May 6: Commencement reception, gallery, 11:00am-12:00pm
- Sat., May 6: M.Arch. commencement, Carpenter 102, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Sat., May 6: Alpha Rho Chi White Rose event, Carpenter first floor, evening