

Dean's Council Minutes
Mar. 3, 2021

Chair: Ryan Hinrichs

In attendance: Sandra Jamieson, Jason Jordan, Caitlin Killian, Roger Knowles, Marie-Pascale Pieretti

Guests: Maria Masucci; Hannah Wells and Juliette Lantz (on behalf of CAPC)

1. The 02-17-21 Dean's Council minutes were approved.
2. Hannah presented the [CAPC responses](#) to [proposed](#) revisions to the Theatre major. The Theatre major nationally is becoming more professionalized, but it is hard to think about the implications of moves like this when we consider one major at a time. Juliette and Maria explained workload and the complexities of concentrations and the [course rotation](#) document provided by the department. Several core courses (e.g. "Art of the Play," "speech," "shop") are taught by adjuncts and the current model spreads the students across the major; concentrations may result in more demand in one area, which may have resource implications by requiring more adjunct faculty. DC noted that this is a popular major and if this is the direction of the field we should support it.
3. **Updates and reports on committees on which DC members serve**
 - **Faculty Searches:** Ryan updated Dean's Council regarding searches and upcoming job ads (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science). Teacher education has finalists and the PanAf search has strong candidates under consideration. The Accounting search was not successful so will be reopened.
 - **DVT:** In light of the recent NYTimes article about airflow in classrooms, members requested that DVT authorize the provision of window fans in the classrooms as recommended in the article. A question was raised whether faculty can be notified if a positive COVID test occurred in the classroom.
 - **Forums:** Faculty raised concerns about the wisdom of adopting the new general education program in stages, about why we need the diversity revision, and about the issue of disclosure (students being asked to locate themselves in the context of personal information during DREW 110). Questions were raised regarding the effectiveness of Launch.
4. Ryan reported on DVT committee discussion regarding the need to announce our Fall modalities by the end of the month; the plan is to have more in-person opportunities but also some online courses. Many international students are not expected to return to campus in the Fall. When the course schedule goes live (for continuing students), online courses must be available (maybe 5%); the ideal may be no flex courses. There was discussion about forming an Instructional DVT committee for the Fall, or whether it would be better to have meetings with people who are teaching Flex and name a few point people.

