

Dean's Council Minutes
Dec. 2, 2020

Chairing: Ryan Hinrichs

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

Guests: Maria Masucci for discussion of committee slate

Link to A&S Faculty Handbook Master Document

1. Dean's announcements: meeting next week, hopefully with Jessica to talk about budget. Brief discussion of how DC can finish the handbook (maybe working in January).
2. Dean's Council discussed and approved the minutes of 11-18-20.
3. Members finalized committee slates and confirmed willingness to serve on elected committees (appointed committees to be finalized after the election). The Committee discussed the policy concerning the timing of accepting nominations to the ballot and agreed to think about the language when we resume work on the handbook.
4. Joan Galbraith Director of Health Services updated Dean's Council on the most recent plans for testing students and for contact tracing procedures for the Spring semester, including case investigation for classes. Some of this is dependent on the testing company we contract. DC members alerted the Dean that faculty who will be teaching on campus have expressed a desire to have access to rapid testing through Drew, especially if a student in one of their classes tests positive--regardless of how "close" the contact was with the student. In addition to responding to faculty concerns, this prevents faculty from having to cancel class so they can wait in long lines for testing at external facilities. Classrooms will have tape marks around the chairs to help students and faculty ensure spacing six feet apart.
5. Dean's Council discussed the proposed changes to the Sociology major, which is under review by CAPC, and discussed the usefulness of creating a document showing a rotation of courses being taught over the next four semesters.