

Fall 2018 Faculty Meetings - Nov. 2

In Attendance

- Kaya Van Beynen (First Segment)
- David Shedden (First Segment)
- Bernardo Motta
- Chris Campbell
- Tony Silvia
- Mark Walters
- Rob Hooker
- Bahaa Gameel
- Casey Frechette
- Deni Elliott
- Casey Peterson
- Monica Ancu

Minutes/Summary

Textbook Adoptions

DS: Thanks for inviting us. Great to be here and looking forward to

KVB: Students have been bearing the brunt of textbook courses. And we're facing some pressures to bring costs down. This can be measured by actual costs, and costs to students. Nov. 16 is deadline for spring adoptions. We use a program called Follett Discover. You can find it in Canvas. Tampa hired data analysts and looked at how to ensure savings based on what each individual required in spring 2018. So, customized, but a little out of date, if you've changed materials. In some cases, they suggested a new book, but that's merely a suggestion.

If we have an eBook, we can say no textbook required, which means textbook required **for purchase**. Put all options, and formats in your syllabus.

In Follett Discover, try to use the least expensive option.

Also, there are different kinds of eBooks — those we can license, and those that require individual student accounts.

Cengage is doing a "Netflix" model, so that's another option.

MW: Is the Follett program a little buggy? I've had some issues with the website.

KVB: That's the first I've heard of trouble. But certain steps do need to be performed in a very specific order. Search is tough; ISBN is best for that.

Vote for Interim Department Chair

DE: We're voting for an interim chair today. Mark Walters is our our qualified nominee. I'll be stepping down in the spring. I'll be on campus some in the spring, but not too much (teaching online). This is effective Jan. 1.

Faculty votes: Seven yes, zero no in favor of Mark Walters for interim department chair.

RH: A subcommittee has been meeting since September to talk about things, including student fees and how to make them uniform. Sports clubs and campus newspapers became part of the discussions. The recommendation to merge the papers was made. No one reached out to us to see what we think. We heard from the Oracle EIC last week about it. We asked Tadlock last Friday, and he didn't know anything about it either. I anticipate the Oracle will also say they oppose it. Crow's Nest alumni are also putting a letter together. A statement from the faculty would also help. We're going to summarize this in the paper that goes out Monday.

MW: If you send me thoughts, a paragraph, by 2:30 p.m.

Graduate Programs

MW: We're on track for a nice cohort in the spring. We're getting some new equipment in VideoWorks, and we're going to work on a promotional video. We're making money in VideoWorks, and we're able to buy some of equipment with that.

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BM: We're working to get everything published. AHA is doing planning, production work, Casey F.'s students will do post-production.

Internships

TS: We're having 90-minute conversations on transition from school to work, once every two weeks. This past week, we talked about job interviewing. For spring, I've been contacted by two students interested.

Two of our students presented at the Join Institute. They used data visualization to present their

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End-of-year shindig coming up. Will send details.

Gen-Ed

MW: We had a vote about being put under one gen-ed umbrella.

Housekeeping, etc.

CP: Tyler Gillespie presenting at Times Reading Festival.