

Department Faculty Meeting
Friday, May 12, 2023, 3:30pm

In person attendees: Linda Callecod (facilitator), Cho, Handel, U. Kim, J. Kim, Mack, Matsuda-Kiami, Nishikawa, Wang.

Zoom attendees: Ahmad, Atkins, Bahrawi, Bhowmik, Cao, Dubrow, Hamm, Horikawa (graduate student rep), Iwata, Marino, Nguyen, A. Ohta, Sandjaja, Takeda, Turner, Van Scoyoc, Won, Yu

I. **Call to Order:** 3:33

II. **Visit:** Lori B White (CAS Assistant Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations), Gretchen Davis Richey (CAS Director of Research): Resources and opportunities at UW and in the College when applying (and preparing to apply) for external funding

See slide deck sent by chairman to asiafac on May 15.

III. **Visit:** Ruthy Rosenberg (Associate Ombud): Introduction to the Ombud's Office

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IV. **Vote:** Approval of minutes (April): approved unanimously.

V. **Update:** Committee on AL&L Community Life (Mack)

Mack: Introduced committee and described first steps taken for improving departmental climate. Brainstorming session six weeks ago resulted in the following: social gathering in mid-September, electronic comment cards for faculty, students, and staff, meant for general suggestions. Committee is investigating where to take concerns since confidential advocates are for sexual harassment only. Committee believes the Department would benefit from diversity and related training (racial, ethnic, cultural). We have engaged a facilitator, Mack and Handel will meet with her in June to plan an autumn workshop.

Preliminary Discussion: UW Libraries storage and budget challenges (Handel)

Handel: Heidi Pauwels asked that we discuss this issue. There is a serious lack of storage space in the UW library system. The libraries cannot stop acquisition and yet some branches are at or near 100 percent capacity. The libraries have thus been asked to deacquisition, which means they destroy or throw out low priority items. There is a council on university libraries in the Faculty Senate. Faculty may raise their concerns with the council. Any solution to this problem is years away at best, since it involves funding and building new storage facilities.

Faculty member 1:

Dr. Shen stated TEAL had to deacquisition 2,000 volumes, which is not unreasonable. There has been a conflation of issues. Lack of information has resulted in rumors of TEAL closing, etc. There is storage space at Sand Point but it is not ideal because there is no climate control.

Faculty member 2: South Asia holdings from 1947-present are especially important. Someone who knows this should be involved. Can libraries send out what is to be pulped? Not everyone knows the value of these holdings.

Chair: It would be great if faculty reached out to your subject librarians to ask them to keep you updated on what they plan to keep and deacquisition. They need faculty input on these decisions.

Linda: What are you recommending? Reaching out to the subject librarian or continuing this discussion?

Chair: Both. We will revisit this as a future agenda item, and I encourage faculty to reach out to subject librarians.

Adjourn to Personnel Meeting: 4:33