



Department Faculty Meeting
Friday, May 9, 2025, 2:30pm

Location: Denny 213, remote option on Zoom: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/99320808702>

MINUTES

Attendance

Voting eligible faculty (21): Jameel Ahmad, Paul Atkins, Nazry Bahrawi, Davinder Bhowmik, Amruta Chandekar, Heekyoung Cho, Zev Handel, Akiko Iwata, Justin Jesty, JungHee Kim, Ungsan Kim, Xi Ma, Ted Mack, Joe Marino, Izumi Matsuda-Kiami, Kaoru Ohta, Heidi Pauwels, Gian Rominger, Pauli Sandjaja, Fumiko Takeda, Liping Yu

Others present (6): Uma Attota, Binata Chowdhuri, Vishnypriya Goswami, Nielson Hul, Yunee Kim, Xinyue Yu

Agenda

I. **Call to Order**

2:32

II. **Vote:** Approval of Minutes (April) (*standing item*; Handel) 2:32-2:35

Approved

III. **Announcements** (*standing item*; Handel) 2:35-2:45

- Title VI Centers: East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia

Recent developments and their impacts on faculty, students and staff are briefly reported.

- Luce Grant for Global Asias (Mack)

Grant application, status, and future leadership discussed. Invitation issued to faculty to attend reception.

IV. **Updates** (*standing item*; Handel) 2:45-2:55

- Search for Assistant Professor of Telugu

Hiring process and faculty arrival in September discussed.

V.

- Search for Department Administrator

There will be no hire.

- Search for Department Chair

Report issued to Deans by Search Committee. Deans are in discussion with faculty.

- Hire of Acting Assistant Professor

Status of hire discussed.

- Merit Reviews

Merit committee chair thanked. Full professors review files after which faculty vote for those below them.

VI. **Update and Discussion:** College Budget (Handel) *2:55-3:15*

Faculty will find information and can provide feedback at: <https://rethink.artsci.washington.edu/> (click “Get in Touch” to send feedback)

Structural issues of College and University, tuition also discussed, ASE contract, government policies, hiring, and salary increases discussed.

VII. **Update and Discussion:** By-Laws Committee (Pauwels) *3:15-3:45*

See bylaws draft, sent under separate cover

Streamlining of committees to reduce service burden discussed. Proposals for committee formation raised. The Committee will bring a final version to next meeting for discussion and vote.

VIII. **Adjournment**

4:02