



Department Faculty Meeting Minutes

Friday, Jan 9th, 2026, 2:30pm

Location: Denny 213, remote option on Zoom: See email

Attendance:

Voting faculty (26): Ahmad, Atkins, N. Bahrawi, Bhowmik, Chandekar, Dubrow, Handel, Iwata, J. Kim, U. Kim, S. Kollu, Ma, Mack, Marino, Matsuda-Kiami, Nguyen, Nishikawa, Ohta, Pauwels, Rominger, Sandjaja, Takeda, Turner, P. Wang, Yu, Y. Xiao, Won, E.

Non-voting (7): Kirk L. Van Scoyoc, Rickey Chen, Sam Patwell, Yan Zhu, N. Hul, Y. Kim, Liu Hung-Yun

I. Call to Order 2:30pm

II. Announcements and Updates (*standing item*; Lü) 2:30-2:40pm

- Faculty senate (Paul Atkins)
Nothing particular to report. Visit UW Club on Thursdays.
- Other updates (Chan Lü)
Next year's instructional funding is still unknown.
It's time to nominate a speaker for this year's convocation.

III. Visit from Simpson Center Director Lynn Thomas and Associate Director Rachel Arteaga 2:40-3:00pm

- This year's theme: "New approaches to meet the moment"; rethink the work we do in the humanities.
- The deadline for winter funding round is February 6.

Summer Fellowship: 6 people will be selected and receive summer salary of \$10,000.

Digital Humanities Follow Project (\$10,000)

Eric Johnson (history) is the digital humanities lead.

Nominate a speaker for DH lectures- funding available.

- The Center also co-sponsors. For example, if you are working with a community organization, \$500 honorarium can be covered by the center.
- The funding is also available for teaching professors. Faculty such as visiting professors and lecturers are not currently eligible; however, they should contact them as eligibility changes. Graduate students cannot apply but are encouraged to email.

VI. Adjourn for non-graduate faculty 3:00pm

V. Graduate faculty meeting 3:00-4:00pm