

Meeting date, time and location:

- Meeting March 21, 2020, 1p EST
- Virtual meeting via Zoom

In Attendance:

Wally Richardson, Jordan Humphrey, Peter Garland, Peter Moran, Christine Pacifico, Jenn Stubbs, Cori Myers, Cass Ramsey, Kirk Diehl, Susan Lounsbury, Jim Trainer

Summary of the meeting:

-Review of Meeting Agenda

-Introduction of new members and Executive members

-Update from Kevin Kinser, Department Head, EPS

33 FT faculty/11 asst profs

Higher Ed program tied for #2 in U.S News and World Report, this speaks to reputation of the program. Strong cohort of students entering this year. Encouraging assist profs to move toward full profs and supporting them on the tenure track. First professor of practice hired in Ed Leadership, Peggy Schooling. Searching for an endowed professorship.

Support for graduate students - 50 supported. Increase in graduate assistantship stipend amount

New Dean, Kimberly Lawless. Were engaging in strategic planning before current shutdown. Reorganization of the Dean's Office. Focus on Shared Governance and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

Change in promotion and tenure guidelines.

Focus on enrollment increase in Ed Leadership and Ed ThP. Also trying to breakdown silos between programs.

COVID-19 is changing the ways of all thinking for the future. Cohort will probably be smaller next year as a smaller amount of GAs are able to be offered.

Information provided on issues with a student from last year that is no longer with the program.

-Update from Alicia Dowd, CSHE Director

50th anniversary celebration last fall at ASHE conference

There is a WE ARE weekend event that is still scheduled at this time.

Mentoring Roundtable opportunities scheduled in May. Will be virtual if necessary

Academic Leadership Academy - still scheduled for June live session on campus: ala.psu.edu

This funds summer graduate assistantships.

Enrollment numbers are currently lower, probably due to current situation

Equity Pedagogy Network - across Penn State

Emergency fund is currently not sufficient for students

-Update from Leticia Oseguera

Trying to rebuild community after situation with student discussed prior

Also being more mindful of policies and procedures

13 GAs offered to incoming master's students

Formal mentoring programs for faculty

Student mental health and well-being - students are having more significant needs

More of a connection now between the higher ed program and CSHE

Instituting virtual happy hours right now to support

- Update from Rafael Alvarado, President of HESA

Hosting a beginning and end of semester dinner/hosted brown bags

Hoping to host pre-AERA student presentations

Planned community service event regarding mental health issues

Work on bylaws

Stephanie Tomlinson - discussion of strategic planning, is on hold now. College of Ed strategic planning would drive strategic planning for alumni boards.

Looking for ways to virtually engage alumni during the COVID-19 shut down in consultation with other PSU colleges and Big Ten counterparts.

At this time the university is continuing with planning of June and July events.

Bylaws - trying to bring in line more with the Alumni Society Board

Terms are four instead of two for members

Encouraged standing committees to be doing continuing work/elimination of development committee/encouragement of more meetings/more in-person attendance requirement

Discussion of types of participation: in-person v. virtual

Jordan would like to keep/increase alignment with Alumni Society Board

Would like us to work in small groups on the bylaws.

Peter Garland suggested two consecutive terms/remove references to funding

Susan Lounsbury input: remote participation

Jenn Stubbs - same/voting virtually/removing budgeting references/change in nomination and recruitment process

Working in small groups on bylaws until October meeting. There were volunteers: Christine, Peter Garland, Peter Moran, Jenn Stubbs, Jordan, Cass Ramsey

- HEPACouncil is currently smaller. New members are welcome. We're looking for diversity in degrees and geography.

-Jordan will attend Alumni Council meeting tomorrow, March 22, 2020.

Next scheduled meeting is October 9th, 2020.