

## Minutes of the February 2014 Faculty Meeting

The February Faculty Meeting was held on Tuesday the 18th at 4:00 PM in COM 209. Those present were, Associate Dean Shanahan, Assistant Dean Mahoney, Assistant Dean Sabovik, Assistant Dean Cotter, Professors Austin, Bayles, Bernstein, Boches, Burak, Cakebread Carroll, Carter, Cavalieri, Clark, Danielpour, Danehey, Downes, Egleson, Grundmann, Groshek, Jaramillo, Johnson, Kauffman, Katz, Lambert, McKeen, Merzbacher, Oppliger, Perron, Poister, Quigley, Rafeizadeh, Rand, Sahl, Shanler, Schneider, Smith, Southwick, Starr, Supa, Thompson, Tsay-Vogel, Verret, Vigil, Walsh, Waller.

1. Associate Dean Shanahan opened up the meeting making a motion to approve January Minutes. Motion seconded and approved.
2. Assistant Dean Mahoney spoke to the faculty briefly about reaching out to her about regalia orders for Commencement 2014, which would be due to her by Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of that week.
3. Professor Smith went on to discuss the Curriculum Committee proposals and also address the faculty on their thoughts and ideas to which the proposals were evaluated and presented to the faculty/departments as a whole. Specifically CO courses were discussed and overall efficiency issues of the Curriculum Committee. Professor Kauffman and Vigil asked questions and gave their opinions and insight on the matter.

Motion made for splitting MS in film into two tracks, some discussion, motion made, seconded and approved. Motion made for MFA in film three semester program, motion made, seconded and approved. Paul Schneider briefly went over the basis behind this three semester program and its intention/goal.

Professor Walsh briefly discussed her own proposal for a summer course which would provide and help build more design background and skills for freshman and sophomore students.

4. Assistant Dean Sabovik went over the current graduate admissions process. About 757 applications will be sent to the committee for review. Numbers are a bit up from last year and the office is working on scholarship allocation at the current time. All files are due back to the Graduate Admissions office by March 7<sup>th</sup> for final decisions. Assistant Dean Cotter is working on the current cycle and will take over for the next presentation.
5. Professor Carroll updated the faculty on Faculty Council and University Council actions. Topics included the definition of Faculty and how the voting body of the council is now mostly academic rather than administrative. He also updated us on an initiative to create an ad hoc committee on diversity. The Faculty Council also spoke about salary levels, the Affordable Care Act and its impact on the benefits at BU, and evaluations as a whole for the university and how much they really matter. Elections will be held in May for Standing Committee Members.

6. Associate Dean Shanahan spoke about the External Review process after the sessions have been completed. The review committee will report back rather quickly and from there the College will be able to make their response to the Provost. Associate Dean Shanahan reiterated that whatever the report says doesn't mean it will necessarily happen, and that they are merely recommendations. Associate Dean Shanahan then went on to thank everyone for their participation. He also went on to thank Assistant Dean Mahoney and Lisa Cohen for their significant roles in the process.
7. Professor Schneider announced the *Redstone Film Festival* being held that Friday at the Tsai Center. Professor McKeen also announced WTBU being up for an MTV award.
8. Associate Dean Shanahan made a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded and approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00PM