

Arts & Sciences Chairs Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
9:00-10:30 am, Madera 2381
Minutes

In attendance: Vandana Kohli, Cindy Wyels, Stephanie Guerrero, Chanda Cunningham-Spence, Sean Kelly, Mary Adler, Liz King, Christina Smith, Nancy Mazingo, Frank Barajas, Kiki Patsch, Beatrice de Oca, Antonio Jiménez Jiménez, Ivona Grzegorzczak, Lynette Landry, Sonsoles de Lacalle, Dennis Downey, Scott Perez (at beginning)

Absent: Blake Gillespie, Michael Soltys

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes approved from November 19, 2019.

II. Information Items

NSF Opportunities

Scott Perez informed chairs about NSF Jumpstart workshops being offered to address general competitiveness for NSF grants, with an emphasis on HSI-STEM. Two workshops are being hosted in California and Scott asked Chairs to disseminate this information to their faculty as CI could have the opportunity to be a sub-awardee to another institution.

Additionally, Professor Nhut Ho at CSUN is looking for faculty collaborators on a \$3 million grant received from NASA focusing on artificial intelligence. The scope for this project is extremely broad (including arts and humanities) and Ho is especially eager to gain faculty collaborators on the NSF proposal currently in preparation. A group “field trip” to CSUN to explore possibilities or hosting Professor Ho at CSUCI are both possibilities for learning more. Chairs are asked to share this information and recommend possible interested faculty.

Reassigned Time Audit

Kohli informed the chairs of the CSU-wide reassigned time audit. Auditors are currently at CI; Kohli and some chairs will be meeting with them throughout the week.

Spring Schedules

Dean’s office staff are available for consultation should Chairs need assistance as students continue to enroll for spring classes. A question was raised regarding whether the minimum enrollment numbers remain in place although enrollment seems to be down campus-wide. Kohli confirmed that a 20-student minimum for lower division and 15 for upper division enrollments remain in place; Chairs asked to receive this memo again (Chanda to send).

Team Teaching/Interdisciplinary Courses

All team-taught/interdisciplinary courses have been approved for spring 2020. Kohli will be moving to establish a school-level taskforce on reassigned time as agreed upon in the previous meeting. This will include making a clear distinction between workload and reassigned time, as it has been noted that the APDB spreadsheet conflates the two when reporting back to the Chancellor’s office. Chairs made comments advocating for the institutionalization of team-teaching/interdisciplinary studies. Kohli responded by expressing agreement, however reiterated that in the meantime, she has approved all interdisciplinary courses.

Performing Arts Center

Kohli announced that Arts & Sciences has received a \$3 million dollar commitment in funding from a campus donor to establish a Performing Arts center. This will be an excellent addition in our capacity to position CI as a center for creative activities in the service region.

III. Discussion Items

CERF

Kohli clarified the current and future handling of CERF funds now that the audit has been completed. Funds that were previously frozen due to CSUCI's being out of compliance now may be returned to program accounts as general funds. Chairs have been asked by the Provost's office to submit spending plans for these converted funds. In response to a request for clarification, Kohli noted that these spending plans may change and do not have to be followed exactly.

Moving forward, future CERF funds generated will be run through a cost recovery model. Chairs advocated for being part of the discussion moving forward, to which everyone agreed.