All-Faculty Meeting: 03/07/14

Minutes

At the beginning of the meeting there was a moment of silence for Michel Colville, wife of Regent’s Professor Emeritus, Fred Allendorf. Faculty were reminded that a fund has been set up for Fred and they were asked to contribute if they are able. The fund is the Allendorf Family Fund, at Missoula Federal Credit Union, 3600 Brooks St., Missoula 59801, 406-523-3300.

A set of general items were announced and briefly discussed. The new name of the College is being rolled out gradually at this point. A formal event to recognize the new name will be scheduled later in the Spring or next Fall. The College has created logos for College of Humanities and Sciences. They can be found on the H & S web page for use by departments.

Ian Withrow was introduced. He is a new staff member in the College Office. This is not a new position. We lost an Associate Dean position with this year’s cuts and created this position with a piece of the Assoc. Dean line.

Congratulations are in order for the Philosophy Department and three of its students: Hayden Hooker, Joel Johnson, Alan Rolph won first place in the International Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl!

Progress continues on the Cobell Land & Culture Institute. The College applied for two grants to help bring it to life and this past week has learned that both will be funded.

Thanks to faculty from the various departments that have made calls or sent e-mails to recently admitted students. Being proactive to stimulate student registrations is something that will be important to the future of each department, the College and UM.

Also Loey Knapp asked the Dean to let faculty know that she has had great experiences, and much cooperation, with departments about establishing templates for degree audits!

The main H & S Teaching awards: The Cox Award and the Award for Teaching Across the Curriculum have applications due on March 15. Forms are available on the College web site.

A Committee of faculty to discuss design of a Humanities Institute is just beginning work.
A Committee to review H&S budget practices is well into its work. Chair Steve Schwarze gave a brief report on their activities and findings to date and plans for the future. The Committee on Budget members include Professors R. Bendick, O. Renner-Fahey, S. Schwarze, and T. Shearer; staff members J. Clark, and J. Fowler; and student member C. Panarese. Two members of the Faculty Advisory Committee, K. Sugden and K. McKinney have also joined the effort.

Update on the FY 15 budget: Academic Affairs managed to come up with a projected budget for the Colleges which requires some cuts, but much less than had been feared even a few weeks ago. The College expects to see some reduction in operating funds for the H&S administration and for departments (but at a relatively modest level), some reduction in the number of TAs supported – mostly from the Grad School, and reductions to our vacancy savings pool that will restrict some hiring of adjuncts next academic year. A new feature of this budget will be that CHS will receive a lump sum disbursement for Summer / Winter / Online instruction. This suggests we should be very strategic about where we put our resources for these sessions. Details will be shared with the ad-hoc budget committee before they are finalized.

Deans Comer and McNulty will be meeting with the Registrar to talk about rationalizing our academic calendar.