

JSIS FACULTY MEETING Minutes

JANUARY 12, 2020

9:30 – 11:00am

Meeting attendees: Mika Ahuvia, Marie Anchordoguy, David Bachman, Jeff Begin, Daniel Bessner, Patrick Christie, Sara Curran, Rebakah Daro Minarchek, Madeleine Dong, Leela Fernandes, Vanessa Freije, Kathie Friedman, Christoph Giebel, Yong Chool Ha, Liora Halperin, Danny Hoffman, Hajin Jun, Sunila Kale, Nektaria Klapaki, Sabine Lang, Bill Lavelly, James Lin, Celia Lowe, Tony Lucero, Mark Metzler, Stephen Meyers, Matthew Mosca, Devin Naar, Christian Novetzke, Robert Pekkanen, Saadia M., Pekkanen, Noam Pianko, Deborah Porter, Scott Radnitz, Cabeiri Robinson, Sasha Senderovich, Clark Sorensen, Kevin Swantek, Jonathan Warren, Jim Wellman, Michael Williams, Shelly Wolf, Anand Yang

Meeting Agenda

1. Affiliate and visiting appointment discussion and vote
2. Graduate Reforms: Review Plans (General JSIS only: MAIS and PhD)
3. Zoom security
4. Current events: discussion and next steps as needed
5. Course buyout policy

Meeting began with announcement of event “Attack on the Capitol—What Does It Mean for Democracy” on Tuesday, Jan. 19 @ 5:30pm, in honor of MLK day.

The opening of the meeting was for Voting Faculty only. All other faculty that would like to join the meeting were held in Zoom waiting room until Voting Faculty business was completed. The faculty discussed the affiliate and visiting appointment discussion. Sunila Kale asked about norms related to Affiliate faculty being able to serve on the FLAS Committee. Sunila Kale proposed a future discussion on best practices around how Jackson School FLAS committees are organized, and what responsibilities Affiliates should have. There was agreement on this along with the need to balance center autonomy.

James Lin, Robert Pekkanen, and Kathie Friedman presented their ad hoc committee report on Zoom security, ‘Remote Learning and International Students to JSIS Director’. James Lin, committee chair presented a summary of report. Faculty discussed concerns about Zoom as a platform for remote learning, with international students. The Committee looked at short-term recommendations around potentially moving away from Zoom as a platform; and long-term recommendations for the University to create a body that looks at issues of IT security, student safety, academic freedom, and creates policy for faculty. Robert Pekkanen noted that students are at some amount risk, and that it is difficult for faculty to know how much risk an individual student is at. He noted that he posted UW language about risks to students on his Task Force syllabus in order to give students opportunity to opt out, if they felt there was a political risk to them. Students may not be acutely aware of risks and it is hard for faculty to monitor.

Kathie Friedman sent out a survey to students who registered for her Winter quarter course. Replies to the survey suggested that issues of student safety weren't necessarily registering to the students. She also pointed out that students in China do not necessarily have access to Google Suite. Faculty using Google docs, surveys, and forms may be excluding students in China, and potentially other countries. There may be a need to find an alternative to G Suite. Tony Lucero provided an example of Tablet as a useful alternative. James Lin added that VPN use in China is high and was not previously a high-risk action. The case of a student's arrest for accessing Canvas brought attention to the risks. Christoph Giebel added that Zoom has unilaterally shutdown events at Universities based on topic of content and has implications for academic freedom.

It was discussed whether OGA might be an appropriate place to address such issues and Tony Lucero and Leela Fernandes agreed to follow up with OGA. Sara Curran recommended a vote on accepting the recommendations of the report, and taking the vote to Deans as a show of support. This was agreed to by the faculty.

The next agenda item pertained to reforms of the Graduate Program. It was announced that this quarter there would be an evaluation of the general MA program (MAIS), and the PhD program. The Jackson School has hired 2 consultants (Ben Gardner & Wolf Latsch) for the evaluation. Recommendations for reforms for the general program will be based on this evaluation. Christian Novetzke introduced the need for Graduate School votes for some tenure line faculty to serve on Graduate School committees and noted that electronic votes would be forthcoming.

The faculty discussed the course buyout policy that was circulated before the meeting. Noam Pianko recommended that language be added that specified that endowed centers paying for faculty salaries would get the funds back. This was agreed to. It was noted in response to questions that the lower level of buyouts for Humanities fellowships and grants would be accommodated.

Voting Results Via Electronic Voting After the Meeting:

After the meeting ended electronic voting on key items discussed by the faculty took place. The items voted on and the vote tallies were as follows:

1. Do you approve an Affiliate Faculty appointment for James Bernard?

Vote	Tally
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YES	33
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2. Do you approve an Affiliate Faculty appointment for Donald Galvanin?

Vote	Tally
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ABSTAIN	1
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YES	32
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3. Do you approve an Affiliate Faculty appointment for Britta Simon?

Vote	Tally
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ABSTAIN	3
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YES	29
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4. Do you approve an Affiliate Faculty appointment for Jay Rubin?

Vote	Tally
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YES	32
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5. Do you approve an Affiliate Faculty appointment for Phil Lyon?

Vote	Tally
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YES	33
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6. Do you approve an Affiliate Faculty appointment for Sarah Lohman?

Vote	Tally
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YES	32
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7. Do you approve an Affiliate Faculty appointment for Tabitha Mallory?

Vote	Tally
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YES 32

1. Do you support the recommendations of the ad hoc committee's report on teaching and zoom security?

Vote Tally

YES 23

2. Do you support the request for the Director to write a letter to the Deans of CAS asking for a university monitoring body to address IT security, student safety and academic freedom?

Vote Tally

YES 23