

JSIS FACULTY MEETING Minutes

March 9, 2021

9:30 – 11:00am

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

Meeting Agenda

1. Discussion of Dr. Ben-Natan lecturer appointment (Voting faculty only: approximately 15 minutes; zoom waiting room for general faculty set up).
2. Discuss of syllabus template - presented by curriculum committee chair Tony Lucero
3. Discussion of tenure and promotion procedures - revised document based on previous month's feedback

Meeting began with a discussion of an appointment for Smadar Ben-Natan as a Lecturer, Full-time. Materials were circulated to voting faculty prior to the meeting. Dr. Ben-Natan's work examines the subject of military courts and citizenship rights in the West Bank and Gaza as well as within Israel. She is a longtime Israeli human rights lawyer who completed her Ph.D. in the Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel-Aviv University. Before arriving at the University of Washington, she was a visiting scholar at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Center for the Study of Law and Society at the University of California, Berkeley. Noam Pianko and Liora Halperin provided strong endorsements. No questions or concerns were raised. It was announced that the link to vote on the appointment would be sent to faculty.

Tony Lucero presented a discussion of a syllabus template circulated prior to the meeting. The template would be provided each quarter for everyone on the JSIS intranet. Comments and suggestions for revision were taken. Noam Pianko commented that it may be useful for students to have a centralized place to go if they have an issue with an instructor. Faculty debated and discussed the pros and cons of this idea. Recommendations from this comment ranged from directing students to the JSIS Associate Director level, or having an Ombuds-person to anonymously address issues. Also the need to make sure students know where to go when a course is JSIS cross listed, but is in a different department. Tony ended the discussion by saying that he would make suggested revisions, the document would be a living-document, and that a link to the document on the JSIS intranet would be distributed to faculty.

Leela Fernandes presented a discussion of the tenure and promotion procedures, based on feedback from the previous faculty meeting. She highlighted one new addition to the document concerning faculty responsibility for attending meetings that require voting on tenure and promotion meetings. Fernandes opened discussion for comments. A question was raised about whether documentation of public-engagement would be provided to external letter writers. Leela explained that the Dean of Social

Sciences recommended against moving away from the CAS template, and that external letter writers do not receive documentation around public engagement. Faculty also agreed with the importance of counting major programmatic development including major granting writing. Glennys Young recommended deleting the word “successfully” when describing writing a grant. Faculty spoke in favor of the change. A motion to amend the document was put forward. The motion passed with 30 votes. A motion to vote approve the tenure and promotion guidelines was put forth. Liora Halperin moved to vote, and Tony Lucero seconded the motion. It was announced that an electronic link for approval of the tenure and promotion guidelines would be circulated.

Following the meeting votes were held on Ben Natan’s appointment and on the approval of the tenure and promotion guidelines.

Voting Results:

1. Smadar Ben-Natan – Lecturer, Full-time?

Vote	Tally
ABSTAIN	1
YES	34

2. Do you approve of the tenure and promotion guidelines?

Vote	Tally
NO	1
YES	29