

JSIS FACULTY MEETING Minutes

April 11, 2023

9:30 – 11:00am, THO 317

Meeting attendees (**All Faculty**): Ahuvia, Mika, Danya Al-Saleh, Marie Anchooguy, David Bachman, Jessica Beyer, Sara Curran, Rebekah Daro Minarchek, Madeleine Dong, Kathie Friedman, Angelina Godoy, Yong-Chool Ha, Liora Halperin, Danny Hoffman, Chris Jones, Hajin Jun, Resat Kasaba, Nektaria Klapaki, Sabine Lang, James Lin, Tony Lucero, Mark Metzler, Stephen Meyers, Matthew Mosca, Robert Pekkanen, Saadia Pekenan, Deborah Porter, Sasha Senderovich, Britta Simon, Clark Sorensen, Kevin Swantek, Anand Yang, Clair Yang, Glennys Young

Agenda:

1. Tribute to Jere Bacharach and Gadi Barzilai
2. CAO search progress
3. Director search progress
4. Course evaluations
5. DISCUSSION AND VOTE: partial spousal appointment, Dr. Aditya Ramesh
access to Dr. Ramesh's [materials and search committee report here](#).
6. DISCUSSION: 495 / 498 Courses for AY 23-24 and ideas for staffing these going forward
7. DISCUSSION AND VOTE: re-appointment of Dr. Hajin Jun [CLOSED, only Associate and Full professors]
**Associate and full professors should have received the link to materials from Kevin Swantek.*

1. Interim Director Danny Hoffman opens the meeting with a moment to remember Jere Bacharach and Gadi Barzilai, who both passed away on Sunday, April 9th. Resat Kasaba read a brief memorial of Jere Bacharach from his time as Director of the Jackson School of International Studies. Faculty were given a moment to add their thoughts and memories.

As a quick aside, Danny commented on a disruptive individual at the public event where Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch spoke. He wanted to make sure faculty know to talk to him or Monique Thorman if anyone is planning a high profile talk and has questions. JSIS informed the police of this event prior to the talk, and when called day of, the police had no record of the notice, and were unable to provide police for security. Mika Ahuvia expressed that the UYPD were not responsive to notification prior to Stroum Center events, but that calling day, that the UYPD could resource an office for the event.

2. Danny provided a quick C.A.O. search update, letting faculty know that there are 3 finalists that will be interview the week of April 17th.
3. Danny provided a quick update on the Director's Search, letting faculty know that the Dean's still intends to hold a Director search for the Jackson School, and that a survey from the Dean's Office would go out to faculty and staff soon, but did not have any dates.
4. Danny instructed faculty that all full, associate, and assistant professors are required to have 1 student evaluation completed each year (per the UW faculty handbook).

The last few announcements included a talk by War College Fellow, Lt. Col Janel Wiese on Tuesday, April 18th at 11:30 a.m. in THO 317; a talk by War College Fellow, Lt. Col. Ryan Bulger on Thursday, April 20th at 11:30 a.m. in THO 317; and inviting JSIS Faculty to attend the Jackson School convocation at 9:00 a.m. in the HUB Ballroom on Saturday, June 10th. More information about regalia will be shared with faculty soon.

5. After announcements were completed, Danny opened up discussion for the possible .33 or .5 appointment of Aditya Ramesh to the Jackson School at an Assistant Professor. Anand Yang provided a few thoughts from Dr. Ramesh's committee report and strongly recommended that the Jackson School vote in favor supporting the appointment. Several others expressed agreement. Danny motioned to put the question, "Do you support a partial appointment of Aditya Ramesh as a .33 or .5 Assistant Professor appointment in the Jackson School?" to vote by JSIS faculty. Marie Anchordoguy seconded the motion. Faculty were given until Thursday, April 13th at 3:30 p.m. to vote on the motion electronically.
6. Next Danny opened the discussion of JSIS curriculum focusing on the need to boost enrollment in classes, and specifically looking at courses JSIS 495 & JSIS 498, with the hope that there is a way to remove barriers for students that might prevent them from taking these classes. There are currently too many proposed 495 & 498 classes for next year; the 16 capstones JSIS offered this year were frequently under-enrolled, and there were 21 proposed for next year – at the same time that changes to the major mean there could be as many as half as many students to take them. As a result, we need to make basic structural changes that could enroll more students in at least some of these classes. He expressed that these two courses need to be visible to more students in different way, and that by making them named courses they may be more viable.

Faculty input included suggestions around opening JSIS 495 & JSIS 498 to graduate students to help boost enrollment in these courses. There was a recognition that by opening these courses to graduate students that it could create under enrollment in graduate level courses.

On the issue of needing to grow enrollment, one faculty mentioned that they have to cap their courses at 40 students because that is the level at which they can support their students without readers or graders, and expressed that training readers & graders was more time consuming than had value. Danny indicated that they are working on a policy to make graders more available to faculty willing to grow classes.

There was also a recognition that JSIS 495 as a Task Force capstone course is a special and memorable experience for students and that the courses reputation goes beyond the Jackson School, so it is important to try and maintain those aspects of the capstone. Two previous Task Force instructors did mention that students enrolled in the class were generally less prepared than previous.

Faculty also recognized that there is greater competition from programs in other units, such as Asian Languages and Literature.

Overall faculty was interested in more conversation around what can be done. Danny reiterated that comments from this discussion would inform subsequent curriculum committee discussion.

7. After the curriculum discussion Danny opened the last portion of the faculty meeting by excusing all faculty below the rank of full and associate so that the reappointment case of Hajin Jun as an Assistant Professor could be discussed. The committee presented the case for reappointing Assistant Professor Jun, and a confidential discussion followed.

Danny motioned to put the question, "Do you support the reappointment of Hajin Jun to the rank of Assistant Professor?" to vote by eligible JSIS faculty. Kathie Friedman seconded the motion. Faculty were given until Thursday, April 13th at 3:30 p.m. to vote on the motion electronically.

Danny adjourned the meeting after the motion was seconded.