

HA&A Faculty Meeting
Wednesday, 8 February 2017
12 noon, LA 241

In attendance: Amstutz, Burdette, Cheng, Eggener, Harper, Hurwit, Hutterer, Lin, Mondloch, Seaman, Walley

Minutes: Hutterer

Minutes from 1/25 were reviewed and approved

Graduate admissions AY 2017-18

- Graduate committee recommendations reviewed and approved by faculty
- Lin proposed steps for recruitment incl. Open House Day for Prospective Students (March 10, 2017) in addition to tradition of emails from potential advisors
- Wait to send emails until Lin sends email to faculty telling us that admission notifications have been sent to students
- Funding decisions will follow at a later date
- Graduate funding is in flux; while we intend to keep a strong MA program, we cannot promise (or imply) funding for all second year MA students
- Funding for new admits will occur later this term
- Prospective PhD students will receive individualized letters tailored to their particular applications after CAA

Transition to College

- College of Design name was the result of a collaborative process within the dean's office
- Discussed the Institute for the Study of Visual Culture and future growth for HA&A

Discussion of Ross endowment

- Reviewed the Ross endowment question (Dean's request to reexamine resources and align them with Univ./College priorities)
 - Goal to encourage matching – ways to reroute resources to get additional investments
 - Ross endowment has a large unused spendable balance and was thus tagged for review – need to demonstrate that we are good stewards
 - ~2.5mil endowment with ~100k spendable/year
 - Dean invites HA&A to consider: Can we envision ways to open up the fund language so that it meets the spirit of the original endowment, but has broader reach than current mandate? A substantial portion would continue to be used for books—it's our choice and all funds would remain solely for supplemental purposes for HA&A.

- Any potential changes to the use of funds would need to be reviewed by the Attorney General at the state level as well as by Foundation and development experts with expertise in legal issues and donor relations
- Mondloch (chair) and Eggener (Ross chair) moved that we submit a proposal to the Dean by March 1 that would suggest opening up the endowment language to include specialized graduate funding; this would have transformative and catalytic impact for our program and for the Ross collections; we could develop graduate fellowships named for Ross and with special focus on architectural history; also possible to use funds for a graduate student to manage and curate the existing Ross collection so that it has greater impact and visibility
- Motion of whether or not to proceed was discussed by the faculty
- Vote: 9 yes; 2 no (including Hurwit)
- Discussion of how to proceed will take place at future meetings

Reminder that there is no faculty meeting next week, Feb. 15.

HA&A Faculty Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 1 March 2017 (12 noon, LA 241)

Present: N. Amstutz, D. Burdette, J. Cheng, K. Mondloch (Department Head), J. Harper, K. Eggener, J. Hurwit, M. Hutterer, J. Lin, R. Luiere (Associate Dean of Finance and Administration, AAA), A. Walley, K. Seaman

Minutes recorded by: Seaman

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mondloch.

Presentation about the Ross Fund by AAA Dean's Office (Luiere)

Luiere (Associate Dean, AAA) reviewed the recent history of the Ross Fund as well as information about the roles of the History of Art and Architecture Department, the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, the University of Oregon, and the University of Oregon Foundation in stewardship. He reported that, after the university's fundraising campaign three years ago, underutilized UO Foundation funds received attention. At that time, the AAA administration determined that it needed a plan for better utilization of all funds, including the Ross Fund. The Ross Fund is owned and managed by the UO Foundation, which has a fiduciary obligation. The Ross Fund was flagged because history of spending is not near the amount of its annual income, and the Foundation asked AAA to review it.

Luiere explained how funds are managed. He reported that the organizational structure is: the board, the President's office, and the Dean's office in concert with the UO Foundation. UPMIFA (the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act) provides guidance about the rescoping of funds. In Oregon, if the use of funds is determined to be unethical, illegal, or wasteful, there is an obligation to fix the situation. The UO Foundation looks at wasteful spending: if funds cannot be utilized, it has a positive obligation to rescope funds for use. The situation then is presented to the state's Attorney General: if the situation meets the criteria for a determination of wasteful spending, a remedy is found. Consistent non-use of funds is considered to be wasteful under UPMIFA. Anything in excess of two years of income is flagged as problematic; a plan is then needed.

Luiere communicated the point of view of the AAA Dean's Office about the role of the HA&A Department in stewardship: the Dean's Office would like to make sure that the HA&A Department is on board with a plan of rescoping. Therefore, it has asked for input from HA&A faculty. He reported that this input is not required from a legal standpoint – the UO Foundation works with the Attorney General – but the Dean's Office believes that HA&A faculty input is part of the process of being open and collaborative and is helpful going forward. Luiere then confirmed that any proposed changes will be reviewed by board and foundation professionals. Nothing can be approved without their legal review and consent – any HA&A

proposal is advisory.

HA&A Proposal about the Ross Fund

Hurwit asked Harper to read the relevant parts of the Ross will, which Harper had in his files.

Hutterer proposed a motion (seconded by Walley): “We put forward a proposal that good use of the Ross Fund includes material acquisition and graduate funding in some unspecified combination.” Vote: Yea 11, Nay 0.

Mondloch (Department Head) read the first page of Proposal A, which had been sent to faculty via e-mail; she suggested that, with minor revisions, it could serve as the basis for the HA&A proposal about the Ross Fund. Burdette proposed a motion (seconded by Walley): “The department votes to submit a proposal by March 3 at 5pm that includes page 1 of Proposal A with revisions and includes the two previously-circulated funding models.” Vote: Yea 9, Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Note that Hurwit left meeting early due to another commitment.)

Announcements by Mondloch

- No faculty meeting next week (next faculty meeting: March 15)
- Mondloch (Department Head) and Lin (Director of Graduate Studies) will circulate announcements about GE coverage for Spring Term and graduate admissions via e-mail
- The Dean will attend the faculty meeting on March 15

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Mondloch.