Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Minutes

245 Patterson Office Tower

Thursday, March 28, 2019

9:00am – 10:00am

Archaeology update from the Dean

Dean Kornbluh gave a brief summary and update regarding the reorganization of the Archaeology Unit. Seven regular staff positions were eliminated as well as five temporary positions. The Anthropology Department is creating an oversight committee to help consider better alignment for the archaeology unit within the mission of the Department, the College and the University. The Dean has approved two faculty lines for the Department with specialties in archaeology.

Committee on Diversity and Inclusion discussion

The Executive Committee approved creating the A&S Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and proposed language to the Faculty Rules with minor formatting and grammar edits. There will be an official vote on these additions at the spring All-Faculty Meeting.

Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences discussion

The group discussed the proposal and all were supportive of its formation. The program will undergo a review after five years.

Election committee changes

The ‘Rules of the Faculty’ state that the Executive Committee must approve the Election Committee members. Jonathan Allison (English) has been the humanities representative for several years and, given that he has become the chair of Department, he felt it was best to step down. Stefan Bird-Pollan from Philosophy has agreed to serve. The Executive Committee voted unanimously for the change.

Selection of the A&S Award winners

The Executive Committee members discussed the nominations for the four awards and selected winners.

Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion: Anastasia Curwood (HIS), Jan Fernheimer (WRD),

and Beth Guiton (CHE)

Outstanding Undergraduate Mentoring: Chad Risko (CHE) and Cristal Badour (PSY)

Outstanding Graduate Mentoring: Sarah Lyon (ANT) and Jill Rappaport (ENG)

Distinguished Service and Engagement: Francis Musoni (HIS) and David Susman (PSY)

The awardees will be honored at the faculty awards ceremony on April 23 at 3:30 in the WT Young Library Auditorium.

Other

The All-Faculty Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 30, in room 330AB of the Gatton Student Center.