

# Fine Arts Council Meeting

Friday, April 3, 2020, 3:00 PM

## Music Building Conference Room

Attending: Neil Rutland, Darrell Roe, Patti Dobson, Patrick McCreary, Scott Golem, Dustin Seifert, Kayla Paulk, Richard Schwartz

Ex-Officio: Jeff Gentry

Recording Secretary: Kathi Frazee

### Minutes:

1. **Minutes Approved.** Minutes approved unanimously. 0 Amendment. 3 Abstention
2. **Spring Faculty Enrichment Review/Allotment:** Unused spring enrichment monies left (due to COVID 19) and redistributed as follows: Carr, \$300, Dal Porto \$300, Barr \$165. McCreary moved to approve, Schwartz seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Department Curriculum:** Music catalog edits were voted/approved via email. No curricular changes, text updated to reflect one retirement and two promotions.
4. **Exit Interviews** – will be conducted via phone or survey monkey this year and not person to person. Need to add a follow up address to the Survey.
5. **Other business as may arise:**
  - Gentry suggested reading the email entitled “Psychological Guide to COVID 19”
  - Gentry asked about challenges the faculty have during the COVID outbreak and creative solutions in adapting to online instruction.

Students twisting in the wind is a problem. Dobson notes that some students are taking classes and trying to write term papers on their cell phones. Paulk noted how the effect is positive for some who don't handle face to face as well. Rutland- has been made aware of the technology or lack of – that students have access to; a wide range of connectivity, which can be hard to overcome. The students didn't sign up for online classes. Not all music tech students can download the needed software. Dobson – some only have cell phones/no computers and registration is not very mobile friendly. Rutland – trying to teach as asynchronously as possible due to new demands for students to work jobs; Paulk has trouble with that as well. Working around it via YouTube and other asynchronous methods. In sound-heavy courses it's okay to sacrifice video quality for sound. Paulk notes the lack of energetic resonance that is missed in live-remote music lessons.

Gentry – creative solutions that are being tried?

Golem notes he and Bocanegra have made calendars for the rest of the semester, alternating one week of video engagement with the next week students working on their own; using Blackboard a lot more. In history of design created a 10-minute PowerPoint with voice over, uploaded to One Drive so all could see and hear, and review each others' folders. We need interactive assignments as much as possible. Paulk – recording hundreds of recital accompaniments ahead of time. Is also able to concentrate on students more when not playing at the same time. Golem – missing the

'live' in a drawing class- is challenging. Reach out to other universities to see how they are handling it.

Gentry – appreciate the adaptations. Hopefully this is temporary – some universities have been pushing more and more towards online anyway. ENMU has no intentions going any further than we already are. This delivery adaptation is not a new normal. **UPDATE:** Gentry shared highlights of our challenges and creative solutions at COD on April 7.

- Paulk asked about summer programs. Will they still take place? **UPDATE:** Dr. Laurenz says ENMU will wait until the end of April and then evaluate whether summer programs such as Choir Camp, Alumni Band, and TADA! are possible this year.
- There will be no student evaluations this year. Paulk asked if there was any way for faculty to get some feedback informally? Roe stated that tenure track need the feedback. Possibly three questions in an open ended format – what were the challenges, what went well, what could have been better. Golem – 3 questions for self reflection could work into a narrative for FEC. McCreary ask students for feedback then reply how addressing those concerns.
- McCreary – regents final decision on graduation? Gentry – should not expect a ceremony. All campus activity is suspended through May 15, and this moratorium could be extended further, thus the uncertainty about summer programs.
- Seifert – update from Enrollment Services on new approaches to recruit? Gentry asked everyone to stay engaged, hassle to register, reach out individually. **UPDATE:** Gentry raised the question at Dean's Council. Cody Spitz will be asked about special recruitment efforts to prevent wholesale loss of enrollment in 2020-21. Core staff meets April 9.

Schwartz moved to adjourn, Seifert seconded.