

**PFA Meeting September 13, 2011
Kellen Auditorium**

Welcome and Introductions Craig and Cynthia

Report by Cynthia from Parsons Leadership Council

Parsons Festival Part II

- Critique that it was too long and will be shortened—two weeks with a weekend
- Organization to start much earlier
- Committee with student representations
- New hire on administrative line responsible for festival organization

Handbook Amendment

- We have sent workload policy to school deans and Joel and Nadine who will review
- APT drafted document on APT
- Bylaws that PFC has drafted to be revised
- Structure of committees
- Joel committed to look across structures and see how committees could be reduced

Growth and Budget

- 3% growth the target was 5%--Deans office believes we may approach target if we consider lower attrition
- What is the cost of the programs? Engaging in conversation about cost of education—large increase over the past 10 years
- Strategic plan at Provost office
- President focusing on finances of the University—lots of debt because of new building

Paris and Shanghai

- Trying to secure real estate in Paris
- Networks and hubs—Paris as base for European network
- **Bridget O'Rourke**—Director of Parsons Paris
- Expanding in Shanghai
- Clear decision not to reproduce the curricular models from NYC—programs with local students but as an extended part of the campus here in NYC
- Matt Caballero is the point person in the Deans office here in NYC

Update on Senate Representation

- Senate passes resolution in Spring where Parsons rep. increased by 2 reps. 4 FT and 2 PT
- Within council we agreed that one of the new assignment for FT and one PT
- PT found this agreeable
- Alternates will now become senator
- FT Erin Cho—Design Strategies
- PT Steve Kennedy—AMT and SPACE

2011-2012 Parsons Faculty Council Agenda

- Curricular Governance Resolution
- Faculty Benefits
- Faculty Workload
- Faculty Handbook
- Faculty Evaluations
- Parsons Festival
- PFA/PFC Bylaws Revision

Curricular Governance Resolution

- Position Statement on Shared Curricular Governance document shown and discussed
- Committees in schools appointed by administration here at Parsons
- Other institutions the responsibility primarily relies with the faculty not with the administration
- Here “top down” rather than faculty processing curricular changes
- We recommend that it be a primary function of the faculty body
- Process through faculty committees—curricular governance lies with faculty though bodies like PFA and Senate
- Task force brought to faculty council and now to PFA for discussion and approval
- American Association of University Professors as our model in support for this
- This is one first element of shared governance
- September 27th faculty meeting for all faculty to discuss some of these issues
- Questions from the floor and debate
- Call for PFC to differentiate between academic and curricular planning

Faculty Handbook

- Review of latest version-PFC wants to review processes and know from Dean etc. what are the processes and are they in place

Meetings Schedule

- Parsons Faculty leadership website meeting schedules posted

Adjournment

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