Parsons Faculty Council
Tuesday September 6
9:45 quorum

Attendance
CL Co-Chair SDS
SD SDS
AS AMT
DM SCE
TA FASH
GN ADHT
SL ADHT
DC AMT
LS FASH
EM SDS
TB UFS
CB CoChair SCE

Co-chair Introductions of new members

- Adam Brent stepped down, Emily Moss elected by SDS

Discussion of election of Secretary

- Problem of gathering minutes, problem of rotating position

Report from PLC

- major agenda items
    - Parsons Festival part II committee being formed with student involvement
    - Block party kickoff, shorter duration
    - Admin search in FASH, will be in charge of whole festival
    - Budget issues, failing to meet growth target by 5% (3% actual)
    - Complete amendment to Handbook on relation to Charter
        - Role of APT draft, synthesis between PLC and PFA
- CL to JT – call to respond to workload draft
    - JT costs concerns discussed re: workload policy
    - CL considered program directorship "untenable" position, with some dean pushback, but some dean agreement
    - Parsons opening new presence in Paris and Shanghai (affiliate schools—but not replicating NYC curriculum)

Open Discussion of PLC Report

- Reaction to workload policy comments from JT
- Reaction to nature of advisory vs. governance
- Proposed questions/prompts to JT to address PFA on specific issues with
    - workload policy metrics

    - director teaching load
    - faculty-student ratios

PFC Co-chair

- Statement on Curricular Governance to shift responsibility from administration to faculty needs to be reviewed by Council and then Assembly
- Need to establish curricular review
- JT has given signals of wanting to move into true shared-governance with faculty
- Work on faculty benefits, workload, evaluations
    - Move to electronic (return rate dropped to alarming level)
- Revise bylaws
    - Back to 2 chairs from 3 chairs

SL elected unanimously as Council/Assembly Secretary for Academic Year 2011-2012

Discussion of Agenda Items to 2011-2012

- Benefits
- Curricular Governance – how to maintain quality with faculty input despite budgetary pressures
- Ombudsman, Grievance Process/Policy
- Discussion of how/when to invite Deans Office to PFA

Discussion of Agenda Items for first PFA meeting

Meeting Adjourned
11am