Minutes for CC November 2019

In attendance: Sofia Dermisi, Dan Abramson, Chris Lee, Ann Huppert, Daniel Winterbottom and Vikram Prakash (after ADAA discussion)

Agenda items:

- ADAA search discussion (Prakash recused)

*College Council members discussed the panel survey results as well as the interviews of the three candidates (Prof. Jeff Hou, Prof. Vikram Prakash and Prof. Qing Shen (in alphabetical order)). A report will be prepared before Thanksgiving and submitted to the Dean.*

- Approval of minutes

*Minutes for CC meeting of October 2019 were approved unanimously.*

- Tenure and Promotion case of Assistant Professor Tyler Sprague, discussion and vote

*Following discussion, CC moved to approve Assistant Professor Tyler Sprague’s application for promotion with tenure to Associate Professor. Vote (by secret paper ballot): yes – 6; no-0; abstentions – 0. Following the vote CC outlined the letter of approval, which will be drafted and circulated for edits by Prakash.*

- Discussion and vote on Curriculum Committee report on procedures

*Curriculum Committee co-chair Chris Lee presented the revised submission processes for the CBE Curriculum Committee. While CC was in principal satisfied with the proposed changes, questions remained regarding details of the implementation strategy. Co-chairs Rebecca Walter and Chris Lee will submit a revised draft which CC will review via email.*

- Senate election to replace Prof. Nemati

*Prakash reported that he is in touch with CM Chair Bill Bender to nominate a potential candidate to fill in for the remainder of Professor Nemati’s term.*

- New Business. Privacy concerns regarding the IDI survey.

*Several CC members brought it to CC’s attention that they had heard concerns from faculty regarding the IDI survey currently being circulated to the CBE community. The questions and concerns that were raised were:*

1. *Was the survey cleared by IRB since this involves ‘human-subjects’ and some questions seemed to be much too intrusive?*
2. *Is confidentiality not a serious concern when each survey has a unique identifier and requires pertinent personal information?*
3. *Responding to all questions within each page was required to move to the next; the wording of some of the questions seemed strange and abstruse. This discourages participation.*
4. *It’s unclear if participation in these surveys is mandatory or voluntary.*

*CC resolved that these concerns should be brought to the notice of the Dean at the earliest opportunity by the Chair of CC as part of our general advisory role to the Dean. CC further recommended that the Dean address these concerns at the next All College Meeting scheduled for November 13, 2019.*