

University Committee on Women Faculty and Students

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2023

Voting Members: Christine Trinter, Kristen Collett- Schmitt, Abigail Ocobock, Laurie Littlepage, Kathleen Eberhard, Alessandro Pierattini,

Voting Members Excused or Absent: Chris Kolda, Jennifer Mason McAward, Melissa Berke, Lena Dougherty, Judith Benz, Ashley Bohrer, Jennifer Hunt Johnson, Stephanie Larocque, Claire Crafts, Melissa Berke

Non-voting Members/Observers present: Keona Lewis, Arlene Monteverchio, Denise Murphy

Non-voting Members/Observers Excused or Absent: Erin Oliver, Elizabeth Zickgraf, Kerry Meyers, Amandhi Mathews, Lynn Kalamaros

1. Welcome
2. Kathleen Cannon Lecture Series proposals
 - Committee members discussed the four Kathleen Cannon proposals that were presented to us by the provost's office.
 - All four proposals were approved.
3. Kathleen Cannon Lecture Series communications update – Kathy Eberhard
 - Discussion around responsibility for Kathleen Cannon lecture series. We hoped to take a more proactive approach to advertising and soliciting proposals.
 - Our committee learned that we should work with Demetra Schonig in the provost's office for all matters related to this lecture series. We can support her in advertising and promoting the series.
4. Approve October minutes
 - October minutes were approved.
5. Sub-committees
 - Professional Development

- Research and Teaching
 - College and School DEI Committees
 - Wellness and Spirituality
- Subcommittee members who were present each briefly discussed their committee work. All committees are at the beginning stages of crafting measurable goals and action items with the intend of building a structure for future larger committee work.
 - Subcommittees will report back in February about their progress with the aim have having structures in place to build upon in the following academic year.

6. Varia

- A committee member raised concern about a women faculty colleague who recently received public threats. Discussion about how to best and more appropriately support our colleagues when dealing with delicate issues. This particular situation involved university entities and other faculty. It was decided that Chrissy would discuss the situation with Erin Oliver and ask for guidance about the charge of our committee in such a case.