

MAFS Executive Board Minutes

Friday, Jan. 8, 12:00 – 1:00

1. Call to Order and opening remarks

- Previous MAFS executive board minutes approved.

2. Teaching Line Promotion Guidelines

- Approved and passed based on voting by the teaching-line faculty.
- A number of concerns raised about minor edits and Mike has updated the document.
 - Nothing of substance has changed, the minor edits made mainly include typos.
 - Questions about measuring aspects of “positive attitudes towards teaching” and “approachability”.
 - Do we assess this further?
 - The best solution is probably to together an ad-hoc committee to identify more acceptable terminology, which will be voted on by teaching and tenure-line faculty.
 - Peter will put out a call for faculty on teaching and tenure-lines to assess these current guidelines and make recommendations for changes.

3. Committee updates

- Peter received updates from committee chairs.
- It would be helpful to have additional information about campus planning.
- There is still a lot of money in the PDF. Dr. A. and Mike will look into the possibility of carrying forward funds to next semester since there will be limited use of funds this year due to COVID.

4. Digital MAFS charge for IT Committee

- A document detailing the charge has been created and will be shared with the IT committee.
- It could be helpful to add a librarian to the group for additional expertise on information management.

5. Miscellaneous

- Campus police will start wearing body cameras.
- Limiting opening discussions of MAFS meetings to 5 minutes has been helpful and successful so far.
- Mike will discuss access to campus at beginning of the semester, the COVID testing process for students, and the exception process for in-person courses for the January 19th start date at the next MAFS meeting.
- Peter will reach out to invite Sonja Loewe to MAFS meetings for updates for continued updates.
- Courtney Gotham may also want to provide updates on campus messaging.
- Faculty might be interested in hearing from Shawn Wiley about admissions updates.

- Kira will mention race, equity, and action programming and specific details related to this, along with a reminder about the multicultural seminars offered on campus.
- Robin will briefly address the importance of using Starfish to communicate with faculty about the importance of putting notes into the system.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.