

MOORES SCHOOL OF MUSIC
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES
26 February 2009

Approved
4-31-09

ATTENDING: Alstrin, Barton, Bertagnolli, Bertman, Brink, Clayton, Davis, Dirst, Durrani, Goldberg, Hausmann, Hester, Jones, Koozin, Krager, Lamkin, Lange, Maroney, Marmonlejo, Mayes, Mishra, Morgulis, O'Connor, Ross, Simon, Snyder, Sonnenberg, Sposato, Weber, White, Weems, Wilkins.

Dr. White called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting (4 December 2008) were approved.

Dr. White reported from the Chairs and Directors meeting:

1. 2.5% budget cut this year
5% budget cut next year; neither of these is official at this time
2. Endowments will not be affected.
3. Possible staff hiring freeze; faculty *replacements* will go forward
4. There are bad situations at many other schools, nationally, including pay cuts
5. No changes in summer school are anticipated
6. Dr. White will help as much as possible with travel

Dr. White reported on the Governor's Initiative:

1. Don't worry.
2. UH is preparing a response.
3. Syllabi (may need to be posted; generic syllabi may be used at least for now).
4. Accountability: salaries, numbers of students, grades, etc. Many privacy issues.
5. Incentives and awards: closely tied to student evaluations.

Jeff Sposato requested responses to Wynne Chin: w.chin@uh.edu
Many faculty expressed outrage over this Initiative, and much discussion followed.

Search for new Dean

1. Chair is Cynthia Freeland, and Dr. White is serving on the committee.
2. Interim Dean is Joe Pratt

Announcements:

TMEA: Clinics by John Benzer, Jenn Mishra, Rhona Brink; poster sessions by Jenn Mishra and graduate students John Henry, Kiana Day, Dan Littles, Eddie Vandewalker, and Anne Lundy.

Performances by our bassoon band and saxophone choir.

Rhona Brink was chosen outstanding alumnus in Music Ed for 2009.

Percussion ensemble has a new CD, including works by Rob Smith and Marcus Maroney.

Searches:

Voice search concluded, Melanie Sonnenberg is our new Prof. of Voice.
Choral conducting and Music Ed searches continue.

Charles Hausmann has begun the process of instituting a MM program in sacred music; the curriculum has been drawn up and proposed.

Andrew Davis presented the revised graduate TA contract (tabled at meeting of 4 December; original motion, Jones; second, Weems), amended in light of that discussion.

Motion to accept with amendments: Krager; second, Wilkins. **Motion passed.**

The Performance Certificate has been approved by the University and is waiting to go before the Coordinating Board; action is expected Fall '09.

May events:

Special comment was made by Bill Evans on NPR, recognizing Noe & Jazz Festival as having national stature. segment.

Betsy Weber reported on the upcoming choir trip to Wales: funding is being raised at the behest of President Khator; the choir will sing at the opening concert, representing the USA.

Meeting Adjourned 1:59.

Respectfully submitted,

John Snyder
Faculty Secretary