

Games and Interactive Media Department Meeting

Friday, April 12th 9 – 10 AM
OTC 500 Conference Room 104

Attending: Dan Novatnak, Rudy McDaniel, Natalie Underberg-Goode, MC Santana, Mel Stanfill, Anastasia Salter, Stella Sung, Taylor Howard, Terrell Theen, Max Croft, John Murray, Peter Smith, Emily Johnson (virtual), and special guest Robert Littlefield

9:00: Chair Updates and General Reminders

Anastasia Salter

Fall / Spring Assignments Sent

Joey is leaving to take an Associate Professor position at Marist College in New York; this may affect assignments but Anastasia is trying to get a replacement and otherwise keep it consistent.

Downtown updates: move, makerspace, computer labs

Move is happening; you're in the move you requested; you'll put your office number on the label; labels are coming; we don't know how labeling will work but there will be instructions.

We did get a 4th computer lab (3x 45, 1x30); looks like we will move old machines into the small 30 person lab; buying new ones for the 45-person labs and for faculty with outdated machines.

Anastasia negotiated that we don't have to get standard computers and you'll get what you asked for (hopefully), but there will be a standard docking station.

Parking passes will be the same, buy pass as usual and it works both places.

Assessment updates

If you get an email asking for help with assessment, please do help. We are not as far along as we wanted to be, so there is some time pressure.

Lynda.com Subscription ending:

\$28,000 to continue, you can't have it anymore.

One thing the Foundations committee is doing is to create some shareable resources to fill some needs like this.

Lab Breakage / Equipment Reminders

Please report it immediately. Can ask Joe/Athena/Anastasia if you need help. It's hard for other faculty if you don't get it taken care of and the next person shows up. Some classes need every single computer.

Software and Textbook Requests for Next Year

Anastasia has software list with current install, but if you anticipate needing something else tell Anastasia. If you are not using materials, please go in and say so in order to improve our rate.

Search Updates: Instructor, Tenure Track, Open Rank

William Jeffery, games specialist, hired as instructor.

Emily Johnson re-joining us as tenure track.

Open rank is doing Skype interviews next week, trying to do on campus before end of semester.

Budget Planning Reminder: Travel, Events, etc. due 4/15!

Have only gotten them back from a few people and they are due. It doesn't have to be exact.

Faculty Annual Reports: Workshop 4/15 in NSC 143D at NOON.

For new folks, how to do this. People who have been here already can come too if they want.

Final Faculty Meeting: Friday, May 3rd at 9:30AM

We have a few things outstanding. Anastasia knows grades are due. We will try to get as many things resolved as possible at that meeting.

9:10: Associate Chair / Graduate Program Updates

Natalie Underberg-Goode

Kudos to Dan for a great DM showcase. Lots of grad students with great projects.

Everybody eventually passed comp exam with revisions.

We need to re-do assessment.

Handbook needs to be rewritten.

9:25: Search Committee Policy Proposal (Vote)

Mel Stanfill

John moves, Rudy seconds, motion carries.

9:30: Discussion with Robert Littlefield

Robert Littlefield

There's a survey. The labels change in different sections. Beware.

CPEs are coming any day now, probably early next week.

Discussion of the challenges downtown: lack of support for large classes, lack of sense of community among the major. Robert is considering hosting more student-centered events to help promote this.

We are moving away from a growth model, have been doing everything based on growth, so if we stabilize we could lose that revenue stream.

Web server access downtown: who is responsible for these servers, who will support them?

Lab update challenges: regular updates for software, can we move to a new model of support?

Housing: are there future plans for student housing? 33% occupancy for the current housing; this will be the only official university housing but they are building more apartments

Buses: 50 person, 12 departures (express) from campus; if students use them frequency will be re-evaluated and they are determined to make it work; probably a central bus stop but unknown

Access: go get your ID card from card services (take your old one and indicate you are from the downtown group)

Makerspace: sharing resources with FIEA MoCap to try to get a body who can staff both.

FIEA instructors will be helping to cover our courses

9:55: Committee Updates and Other Announcements

Natalie moves to adjourn, Stella seconds