GaIM Faculty Meeting
11.22.19
Dan, Anastasia, Natalie, Gideon, Maria, Mel, John, Emily, Maddie, Devin, Peter, Dan C., Stella, Eddie; MC on phone, Rudy & Eileen on Skype

Approve Minutes- Add Matthew Mosher's attendance to minutes
Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting with the addition of Matthew- Gideon, second Anastasia

Updates:

Maker Lab
Maker lab opening went well, notwithstanding the Pepsi products that were there
Demoed the projects we do and the way we work with other groups
Microsoft equipment an issue. So they may be taking it back.

Mixed reality
If you want to be part of the discussion about Mixed reality "things" email Natalie. They are building an online presence for our projects and work at UCF, send Natlaie stuff, wanting to create a landing page: (NB there was just a model created by the Big Data Blue Ribbon commission that we could copy)
Open Call - send our work in XR

Princeton Review - Natalie sent out an email call for information for this. Due December 6 - one more meeting to finalize information. Thank you for sending the information if you have already

Summer schedule- We have a wish list for 8 classes (last year was 7), but we are *hopeful* we'll have enough money to fund 8 this summer. (The list of 8 was sent out in an email from Natalie)

New hires - we are doing our best to move this forward. It's slow because it requires a lot of people to approval. Finally approved for the open-rank search! Be on the lookout in your networks for people that would work here. Think outside of typical candidates - we have leeway for the open search.

Scholarships- thanks for your help scholarship committee. It's important to give these away and make a big deal of them. Some in memory of people.

Strategic Plan
Resources, resources, resources! Are we working all the avenues for publicity, public-facing opportunities for our students, etc. We've been working on the opportunity for a couple of

people pose a project to put the maker lab "on the map" to show what WE do - story, design, interactive media. To the extent to which it's possible this could mean a course release. But we have to find a way to get a human to teach the class, so please help us build an adjunct pool so we can actually let people out of classes. A real human though. Sometimes something like 10 years of industry experience can help override other requirements. Please ask your networks.

Patrick Smith met with Natalie. Great meeting - action steps. Funding priorities from Policy & Planning Committee were presented to him. He was realistic (but it's good!) in the goals he had for the year: 1 scholarship; 1 grad student; + goal of 2-3 sponsored events at the maker lab to help us show off our stuff. If you have language/talking points he can use to discuss (critical making, Eddie), maker culture, etc. it would be good to help/send to Natalie. Any help for our grad students & publicity = good.

We're getting a research tab on the website! It only took 3 weeks. Send Natalie content! Pictures! Blurbs! 30 second trailers of projects. Tab for Maker Lab as well. Jordan has an (ambitious) plan to invest in scheduling software. Tab only exists at the moment but we'll be adding to it.

Trying to get help for grant writing. Realizing this is heavy on our plates, but course releases require humans. See above need for humans.

Undergraduate committee- some minor issues with space utilizations (right classroom for the right class). Committee plans to meet and go over these and make updates to cards when this is possible.

School Level Policy & Planning- working on a policy for tangible credit to instructors and faculty who direct MA thesis committees, PHD committees, and independent research, honors in the major, and undergraduate research. A certain number of them will add up to the equivalent of a course release! (See above issues with finding humans to put in front of classes). But at the very least this is an attempt at credit for this unseen work. Other possible avenues such as travel funds, etc. are being considered.

Faculty Senate- We were sent a survey yesterday about the characteristics we'd like to look for in a potential university president. Next meeting Dec. 9. Maybe downtown! But please fill out the survey.

UTA (again)- New policy & workload policy. "New" policy was the one that had the most support in October. Added the faculty member's right to refuse a UTA. This addition prompted the addition to the workload policy - if you refuse a UTA, you can't magically get a GTA; these are assigned by course. GTAs are assigned first, and when we run out of them, we start assigning UTAs. Discussion ensued.
Votes: New UTA policy with changes described. In favor: all but one. Opposed: 1

Equitable workload policy amendment vote: in favor: 12 Opposed: 0 Unanimous.

NSCM Discussion & Vote- Discussion.
Vote (Option 1) to become an independent body outside of COS or CAH. OR (option 2) stay within a college.
Votes on paper. 6 Option 1; 5 Option 2; 6 abstain

Dan moves to adjourn. John seconds. Meeting ends.