

All SFA Faculty and Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 13th, 2019

9:00AM – 10:00AM

von der Mehden Recital Hall

Meeting Commenced at 9:09AM

School Updates – Dean Anne D’Alleva

Grammy Congratulations: Louis Hanzlik, Ken Fuchs, and Mary Bannis.

Transitions: New President of the University. Interim Provost, John Elliot. UConn Foundation close to choosing a new President.

New Developments in Fundraising including UConn Giving Day – Social Media Driven.

Budget – Just submitted for FY20 to Provost. Thanks to Colleen Bridgeman and her team. Recognize Department Heads and Directors for their efforts. Budget Meeting with Provost – rescissions may be made and may affect filling positions.

Entrepreneurial Programs – support work of own program, sponsored research programs, online graduate certificates, grant-writing. Looking to generate support and Department Heads and Directors are currently working on this initiative.

Great response to undergrad applications. We are up 9.7% - thank you to Elizabeth Foody. Looking to bring in about 160 students.

Enrollments – 10 day census. Nice increase from last year to this year – 2017 – 609. 2018 696. Looking to hold DMD steady. Regional campus – DMD in Stamford. Numbers dipped a small amount – currently around 100 students.

Facilities Updates – Collen K. Bridgeman

Fine Arts Phase II Construction Updates

Project Site – Unchanged, sidewalks intact and parking is accessible.

Several projections in summer months including:

- Fine Arts Roof Replacement
- Steam Line Replacement
- Production Facility Addition
- Façade Replacement
- Improvements to Parking Lots
- Steam Vault and Steam Line Replacement

- Re-roofing efforts will include skylights and removal of solar panels. This will impact studio space, noise, dust, debris. Logistics planning to remove resources in Spring 2019. Will begin after commencement.

Parking Lots will be taken offline in May. This project was just layered in and will impact access to Nafe Katter Theatre and CRT Box Office.

During the summer – ITS is re-cabling for academic, performing, and exhibiting spaces during summer months. There may be some connectivity disruption.

May – August will include:

- Moving and swing space
- Temporary roadwork
- Temporary parking
- Temporary box office
- ITS Cabling
- Please Expect Noise during this time

Production Facility on track for 2020 finalization.

STEAM Initiative Update – Alain Frogley

STEAM Innovation Grant – Launched last fall, committee met in December and was pleased with response. Total of nine applications from many departments across University of Connecticut. All the departments from SFA were represented as well as a range of collaborations between the sciences and arts. Alain and three other Associate Dean's from Engineering, CLAS and College Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources served on the committee. An informal meeting is planned for those who are thinking of applying for the grant in next cycle.

Two projects funded:

Jennifer Scapetis:

Individual Variation in Brain Morphology & Phonetic Aptitude.

- Voice and Dialect – How we speak.
- How speak works in the brain and how it works with actors.
- It will explore actors and people from the transgendered community with control group with same tests and with MRI imaging scan. Picture of brain structures and while doing accent imitation tasks. Found multiple folds in people in phonetics.
- Perhaps looking to create a documentary and performance piece about voice and identity.

Thanks, to Anne, Alain, the STEAM committee for allowing to continue with this research.

Heejoo Kim:

Art Advancing Science

- Entertainment Short Film
- A nanoparticle-medicated drug delivered process within human body
- Will include music, narration, editing, animation
- Team has been working on delivery system across multiple special scales.
- Recreating scientific information to animation and story-telling.
- Aims at about 5 minute film – students and general public.
- Possible external functions. Leadership in science and digital filmmaking.

Q&A - Dean Anne D'Alleva

- Congratulations on von der Mehden – new chairs and new facility upgrade. Renovations to the stage and stairs. The Hall is now larger and safer. New seating and lobby renovations. Coming up: possible Live Streaming – meetings, concerts and events.

Culminates at 9:56am.